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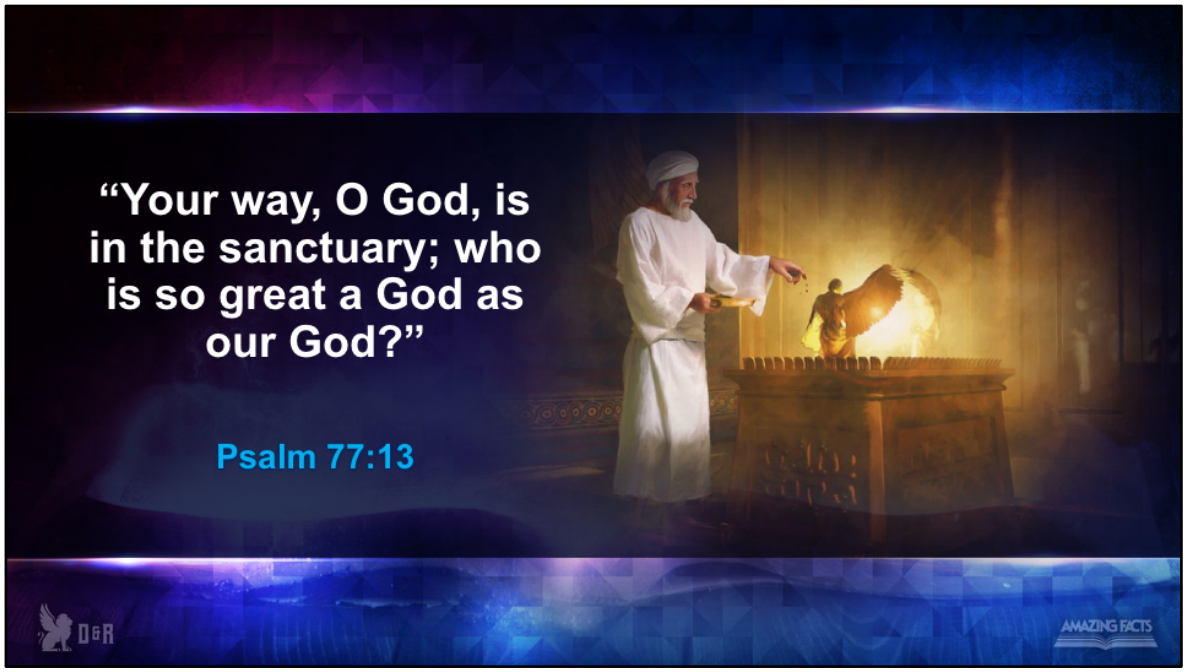

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Cleansing the Temple



Moses received Not only the ten Commandments, but plans for a sanctuary—a special building that would serve as a dwelling place for the God of heaven.



The Bible says: “Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them” (Exodus 25:8).



God's way, the plan of salvation, is revealed in the earthly sanctuary. The Bible teaches that everything in the sanctuary—the dwelling, furniture, and services—are symbols of something Jesus did in saving us. This means we can fully comprehend the plan of salvation as we fully understand the symbolism connected with the sanctuary.



The original sanctuary was an elegant, tent-type structure (15 feet by 45 feet—based on an 18-inch cubit) in which the presence of God dwelt and special services were conducted. The walls were made of upright wooden boards set in silver sockets and overlaid with gold (Exodus 26:15–19, 29). The roof was made of four coverings: linen, goat hair, ram skin, and badger skin (Exodus 26:1, 7–14). It had two rooms: the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. A thick, heavy veil (curtain) separated the rooms. The courtyard—the area around the sanctuary—was 75 feet by 150 feet (Exodus 27:18). It was fenced with fine linen cloth supported by 60 pillars of brass (Exodus 27:9–16).



The altar of burnt offerings where animals were sacrificed, was located just inside its entrance (Exodus 27:1–8). This altar represents the cross of Christ. The animal represents Jesus, the ultimate sacrifice (John 1:29).



The laver, located between the altar and the entrance to the sanctuary, was a large washbasin made of brass. Here priests washed their hands and feet before offering a sacrifice or entering the sanctuary (Exodus 30:17–21; 38:8). The water represents cleansing from sin and the new birth (Titus 3:5).



The table of shewbread (Exodus 25:23–30) represents Jesus, the living bread (John 6:51).



The seven-branch candlestick (Exodus 25:31–40) also represents Jesus, the light of the world (John 9:5; 1:9). The oil represents the Holy Spirit (Zechariah 4:1–6; Revelation 4:5).



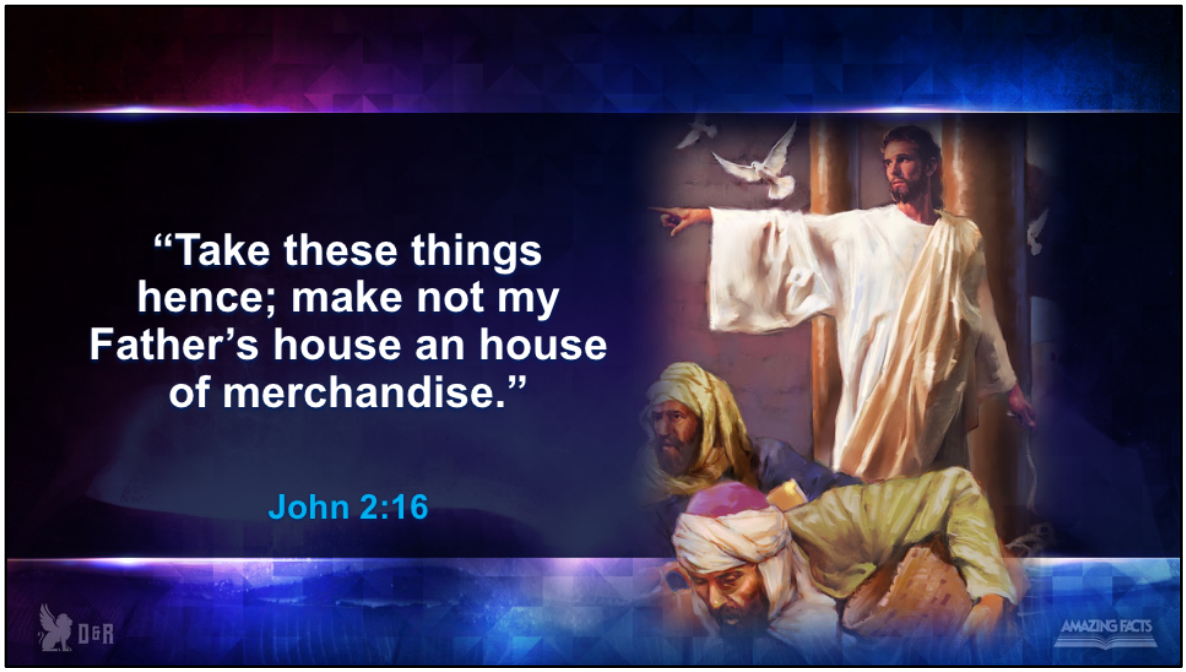
The altar of incense (Exodus 30:7, 8) represents the prayers of God's people (Revelation 5:8).



The Ark of the Covenant, the only piece of furniture in the Most Holy Place (Exodus 25:10–22), was a chest of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Placed on top the chest were two angels made of solid gold. Between these two angels was the mercy seat (Exodus 25:17–22), where the presence of God dwelt. This symbolized God's throne in heaven, which is likewise located between two angels (Psalm 80:1).



Now after that overview, let's fast forward to the time of Christ. Jesus was visibly grieved as He entered the temple courtyard and surveyed the turmoil. On every hand He saw pens filled with sacrifice animals and heard salesman shouting and bargaining with visiting pilgrims for the highest price. The cooing of doves, bleating of sheep, and lowing of oxen mingled together with the odors of a barnyard to form a concert of chaos.



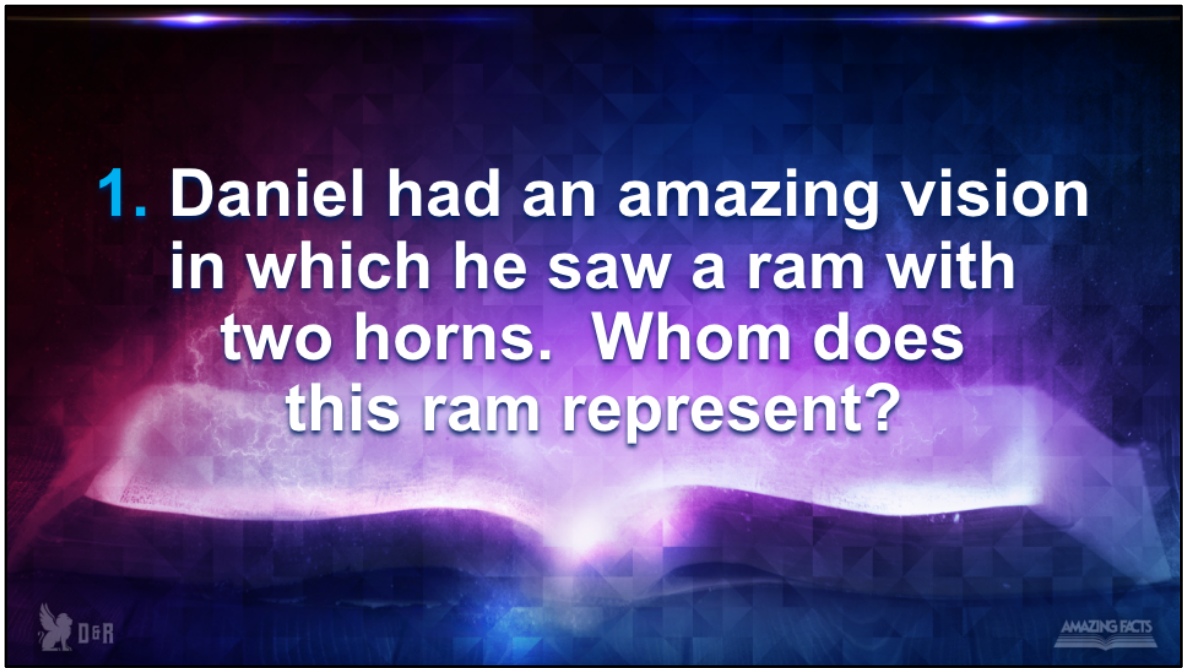
This bedlam was never God's plan. When Solomon built the first temple in Jerusalem, there was such respect for God's house that not even the sound of a hammer could be heard during its construction. All the stones and boards were pre-cut elsewhere, then brought to the temple site and quietly assembled (1 Kings 6:7).

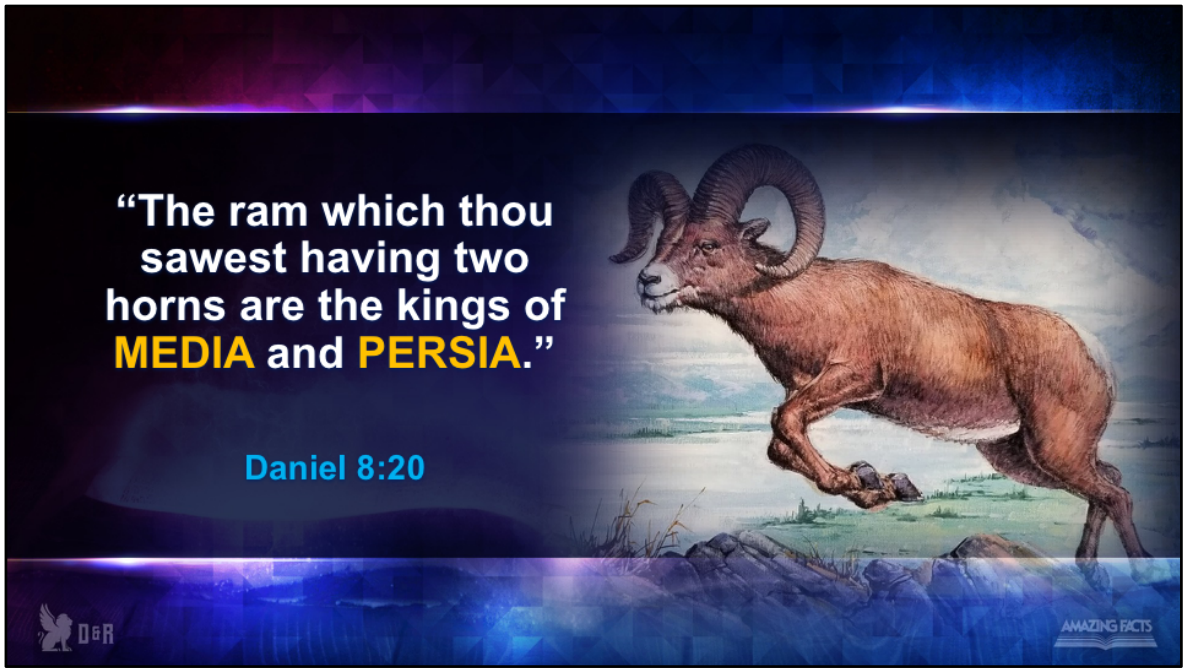
Jesus found a handful of cords used for restraining the sheep and tied them into a small whip. Then the Son of God called out in trumpet-like tones: "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer but ye have made it a den of thieves." Matthew 21:13. Moving from one booth to another, He then released the animals and overturned the moneychangers' tables.

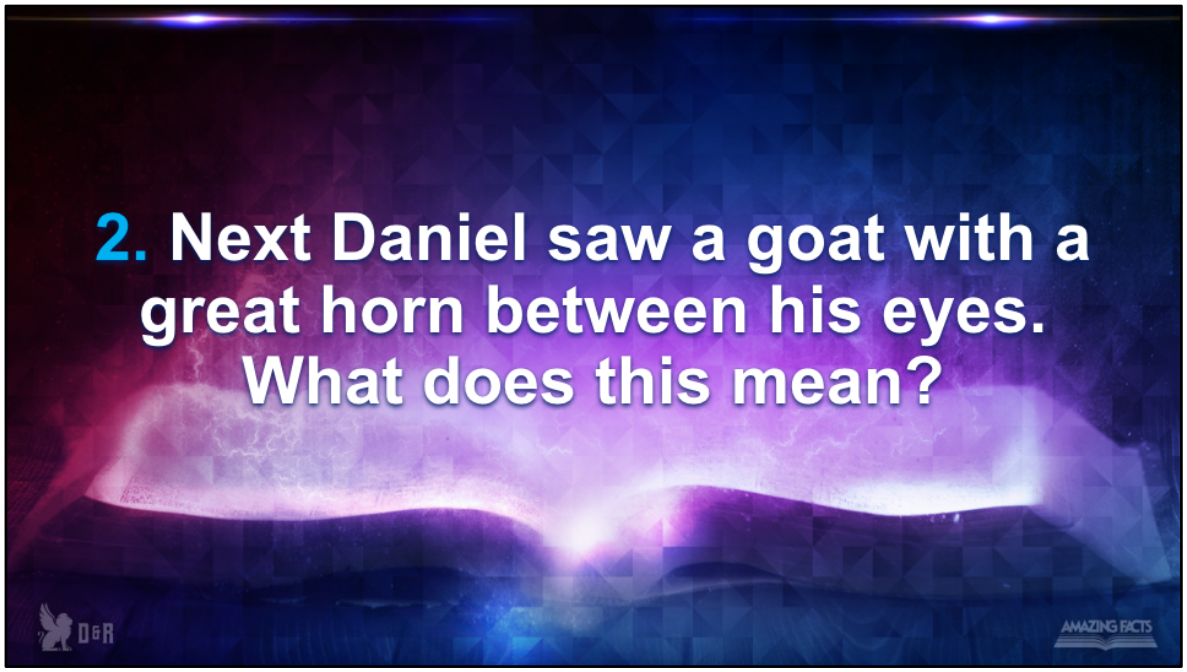
Sensing they were in the presence of Omnipotence, the terrified merchants fled from the temple courtyard without looking back. Jesus wanted more than anything for people to have a clear concept of His heavenly Father's love and purity. This is why it broke His heart to see the holy temple turned into a flea market.



Many years earlier, the prophet Daniel had foretold of another time when the temple would be defiled, God's truth would be distorted, and His people oppressed. And once again, the Lord would come to cleanse His sanctuary.


1. Daniel had an amazing vision in which he saw a ram with two horns. Whom does this ram represent?
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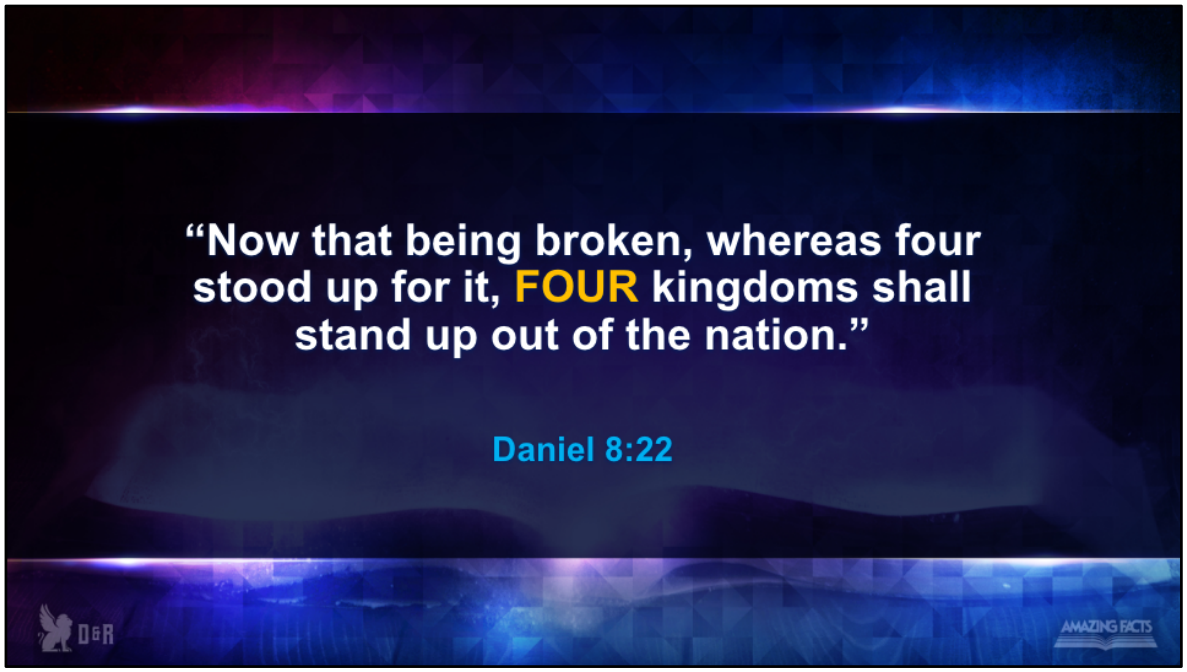

"The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of MEDIA and PERSIA."
Daniel 8:20
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2. Next Daniel saw a goat with a great horn between his eyes. What does this mean?
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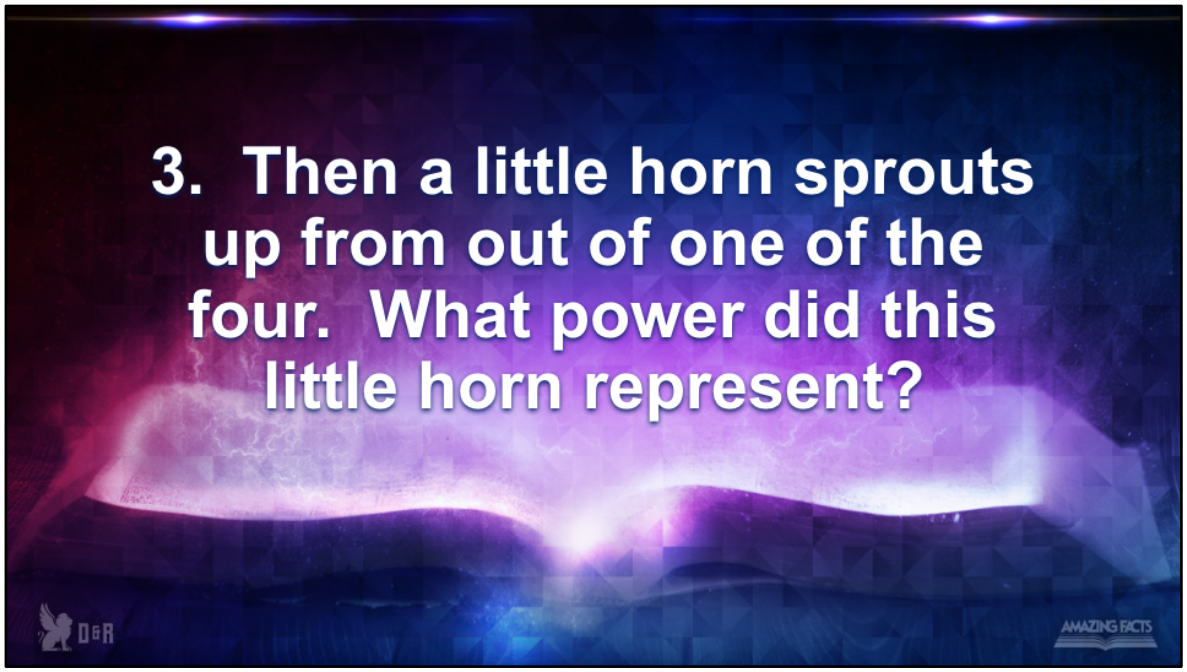

"The rough goat is the king of GRECIA: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the FIRST king."
Daniel 8:21, 22
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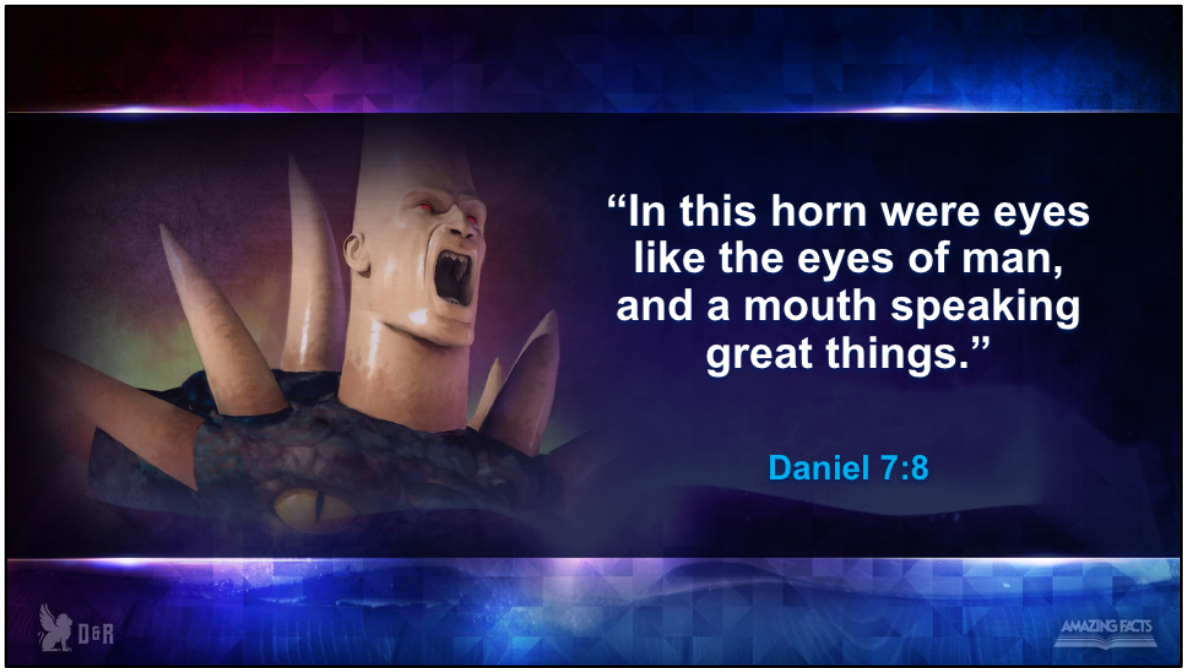
NOTE:
The male goat represents Greece and the big horn is a symbol of its first ruler, Alexander the Great. The four horns represent the four generals who took over parts of the empire when Alexander died.

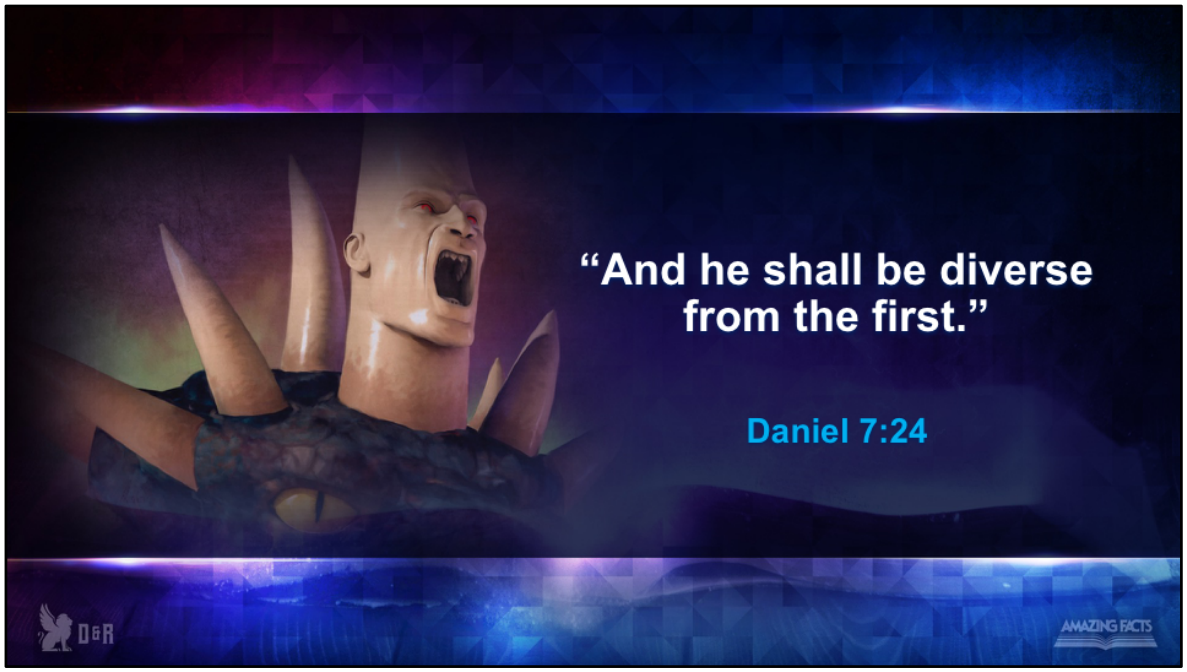


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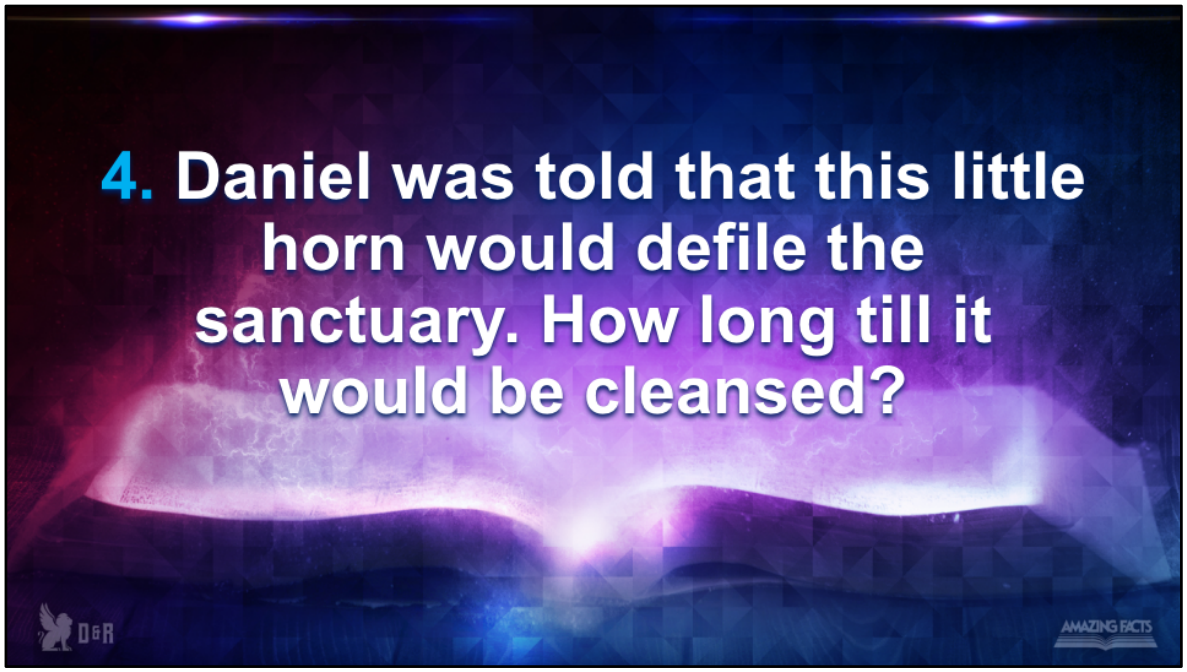

3. Then a little horn sprouts up from out of one of the four. What power did this little horn represent?
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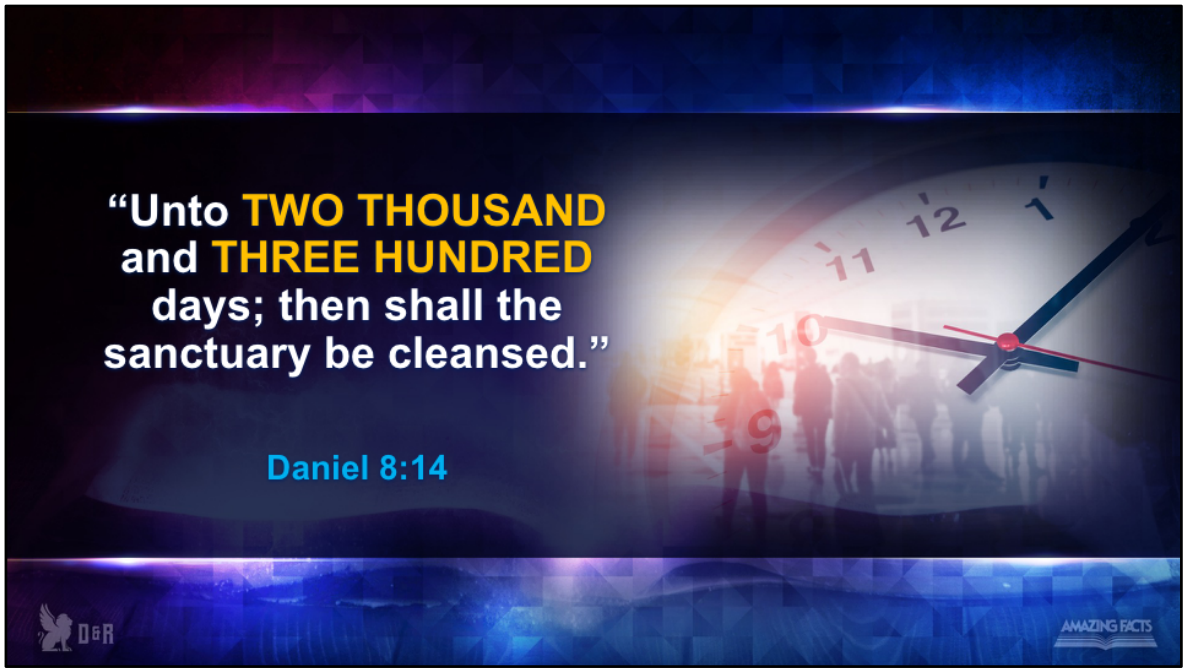

"Claudius (Caesar) had commanded all Jews to depart from ROME."
Acts 18:2
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“In this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.”
Daniel 7:8
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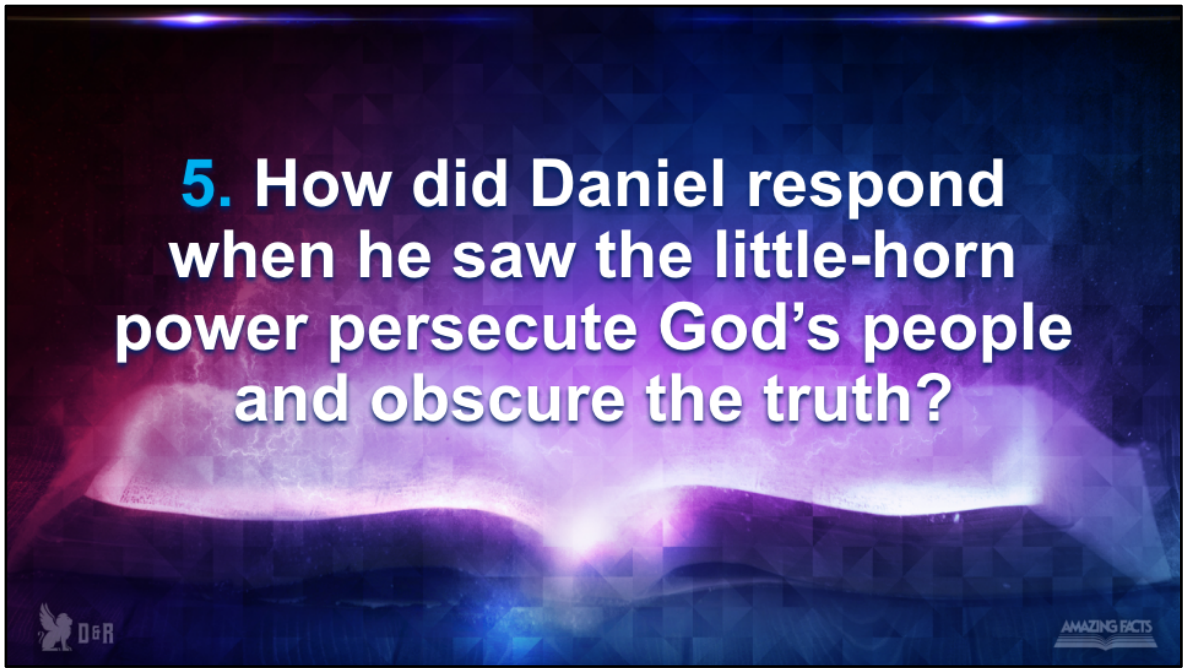


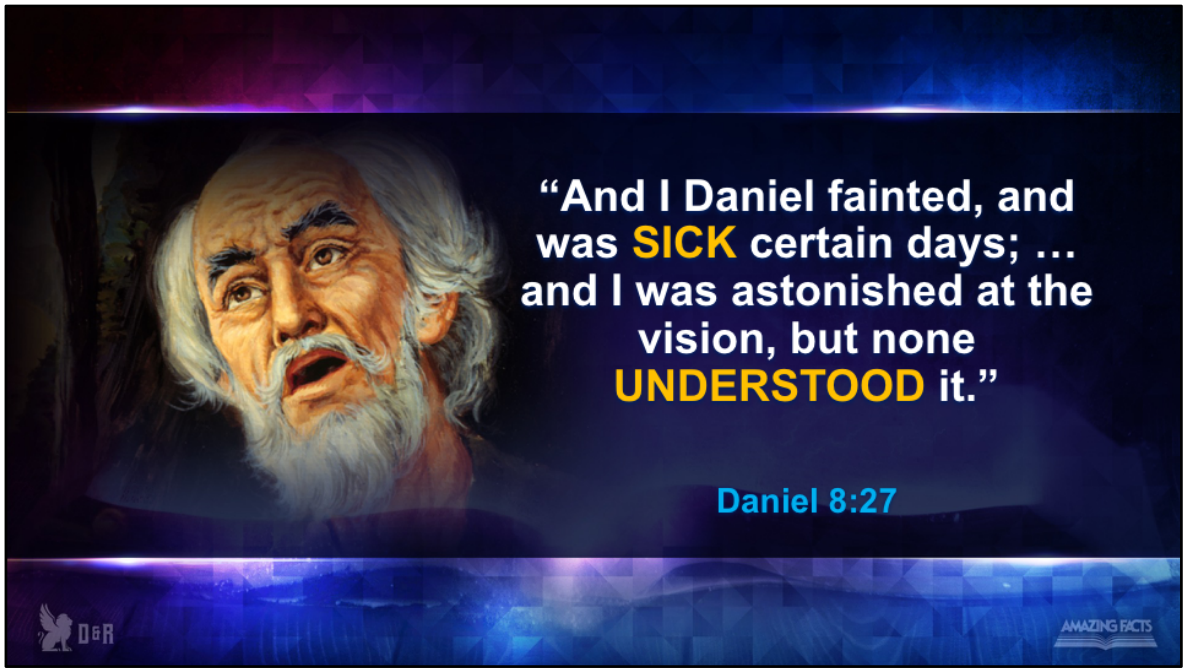
NOTE:
The "little horn" that persecuted God's people, trampled holy things, and stood up against Jesus represented Rome--both pagan and papal. Rome is the only power that followed Grecia and became exceedingly great.


4. Daniel was told that this little horn would defile the sanctuary. How long till it would be cleansed?
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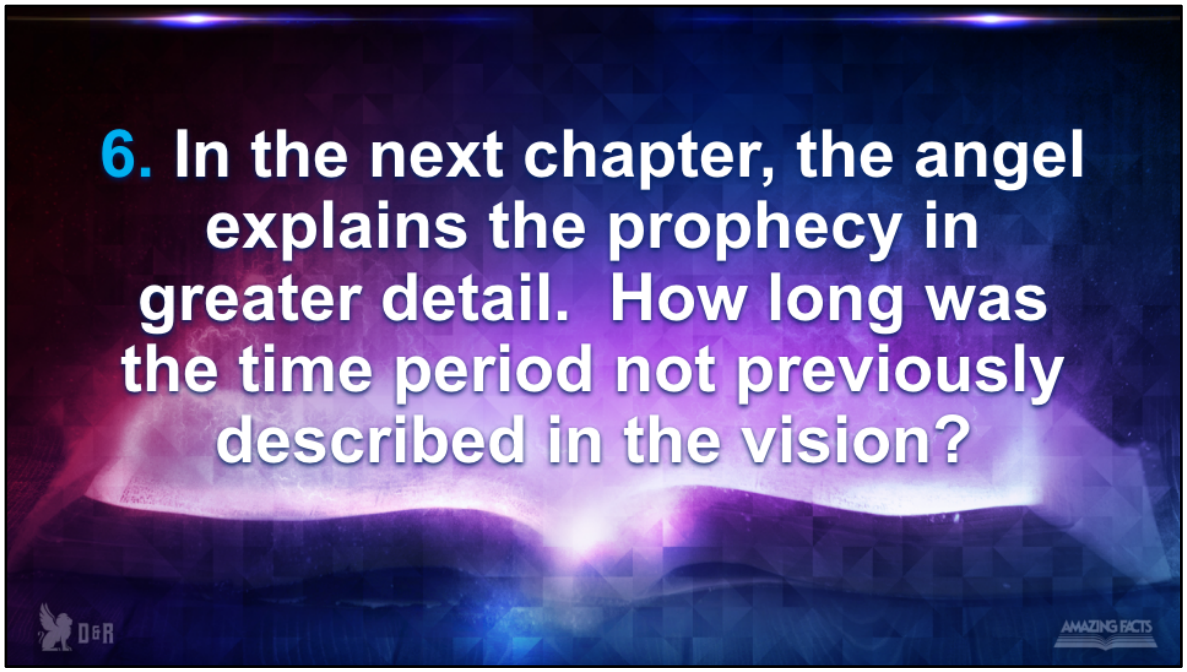
NOTE:
This 2,300-day period is the longest time prophecy in the Bible, but the starting point is not given until the next chapter--in Daniel 9:25.

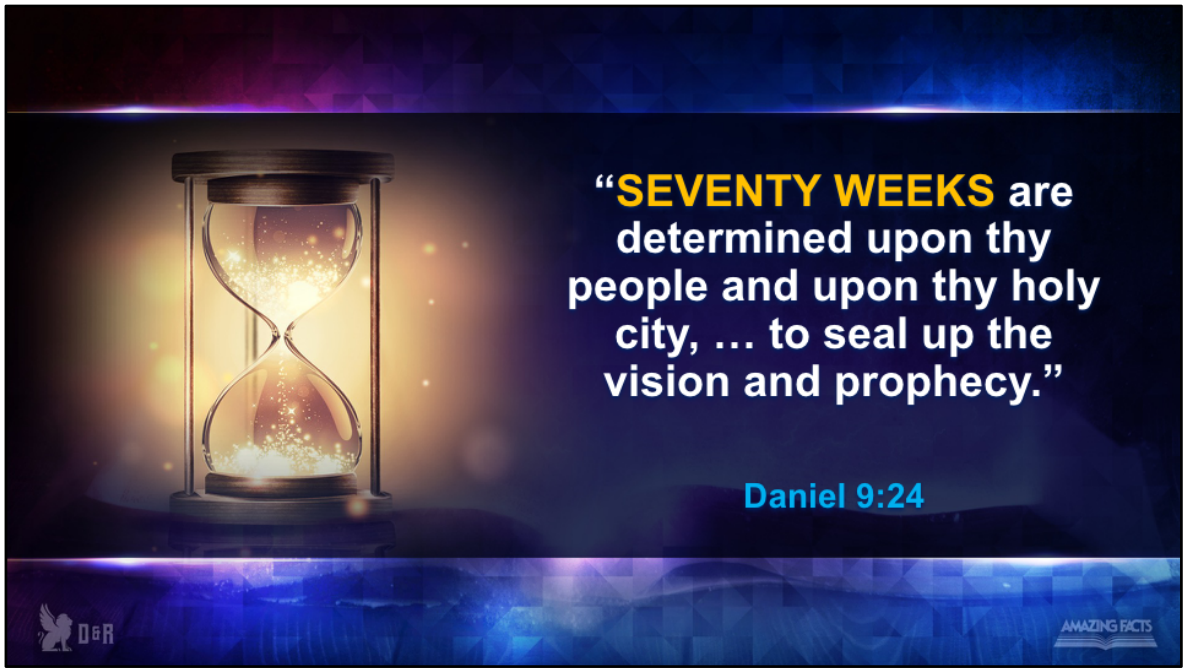

5. How did Daniel respond when he saw the little-horn power persecute God's people and obscure the truth?
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"And I Daniel fainted, and was SICK certain days; … and I was astonished at the vision, but none UNDERSTOOD it."
Daniel 8:27
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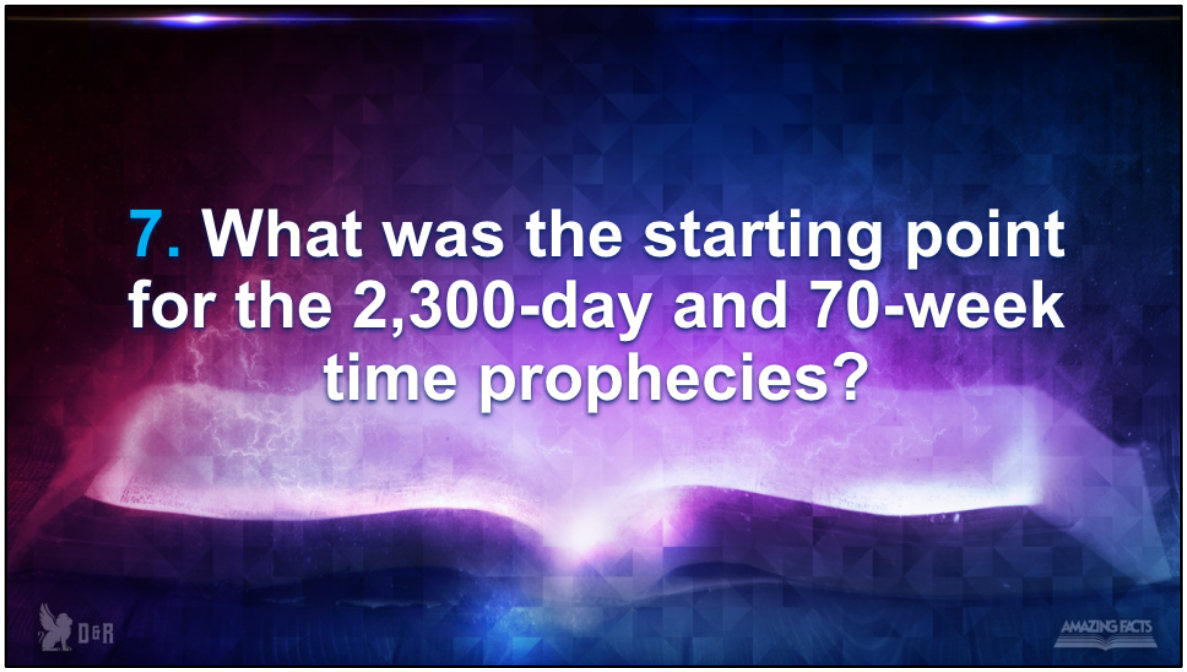


NOTE:
Daniel was so deeply grieved by what was to come upon God's people that he fainted and was sick for some time. But initially neither Daniel nor his friends understood the 2,300-day section of the vision.


6. In the next chapter, the angel explains the prophecy in greater detail. How long was the time period not previously described in the vision?
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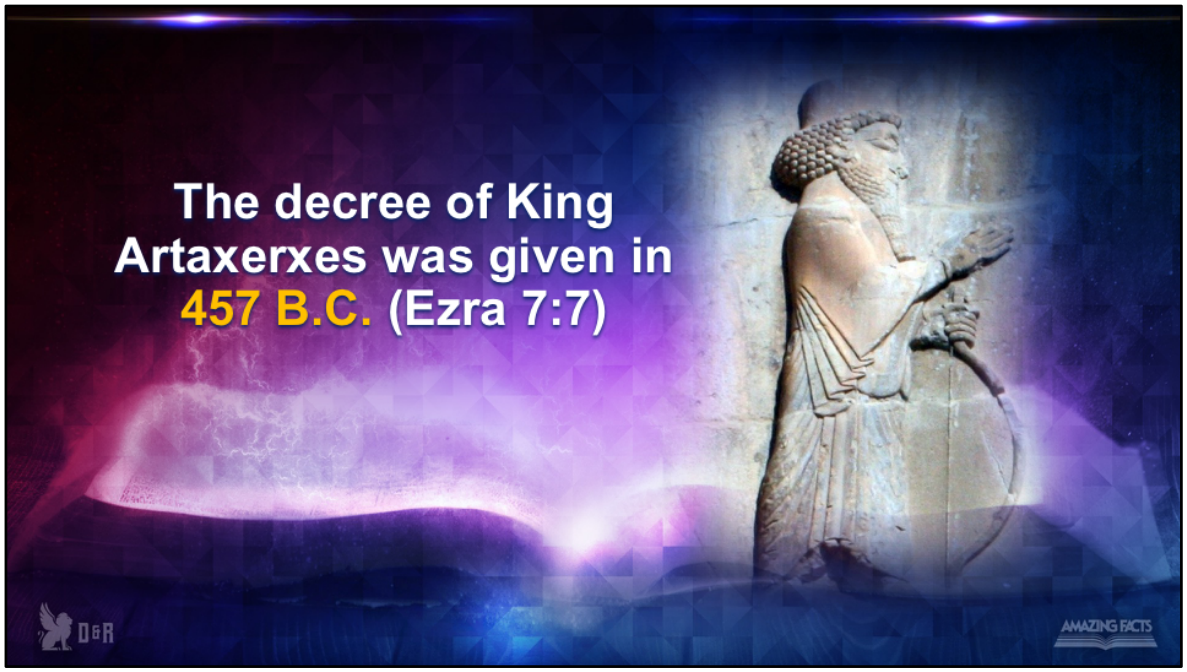


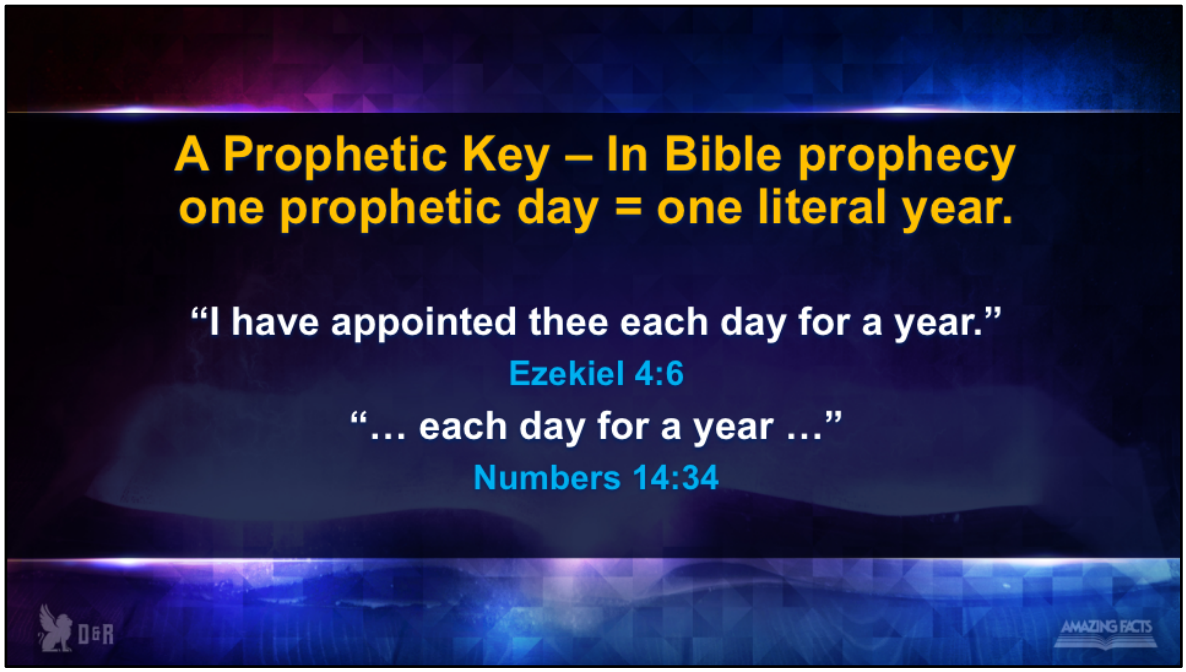
NOTE:
Several years after Daniel's vision about the 2,300 days, an angel of heaven flew quickly to his side to help him understand it. The angel also expanded the vision to include 70 prophetic weeks that were "determined upon," or allotted to, the Jews and the city of Jerusalem. God was giving His chosen nation another chance--a 490-year opportunity to accomplish its purpose of presenting the Messiah to the world (Daniel 9:23, 24).


7. What was the starting point for the 2,300-day and 70-week time prophecies?
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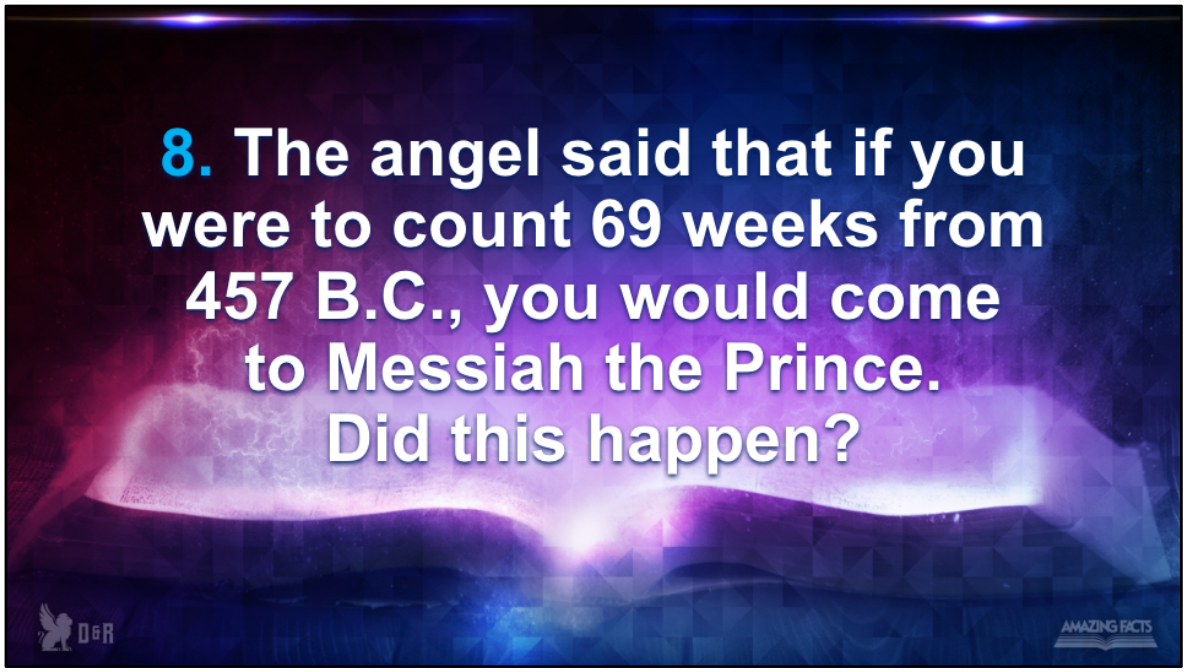

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to RESTORE and to build JERUSALEM."
Daniel 9:25
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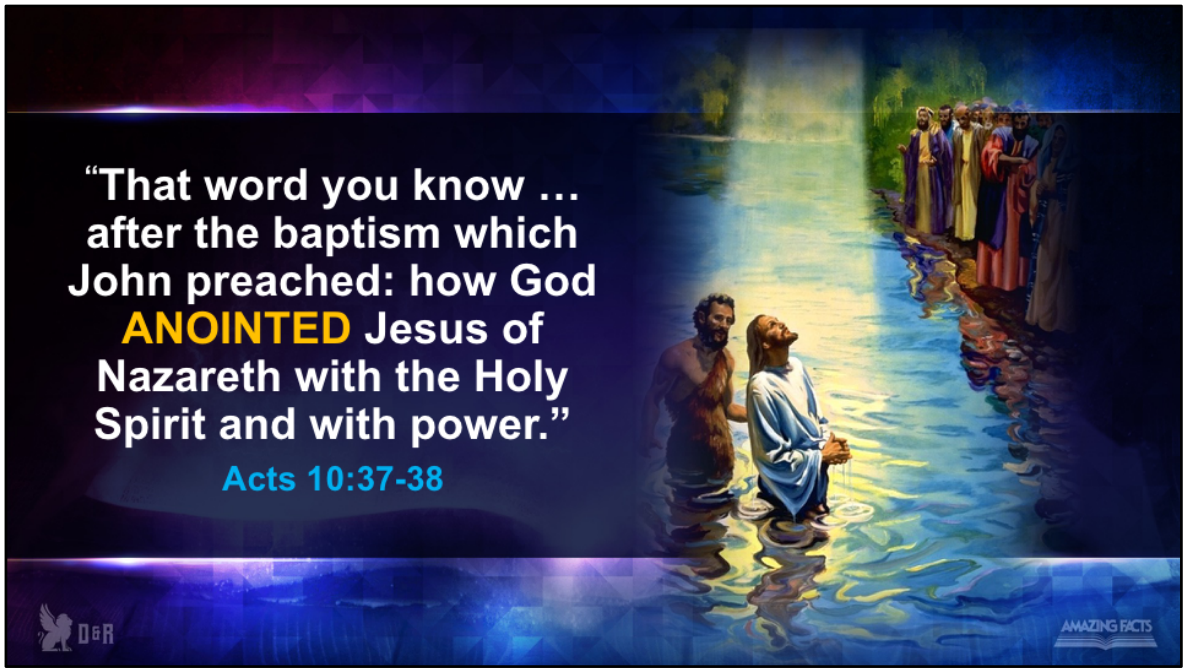

“unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks.”
Daniel 9:25
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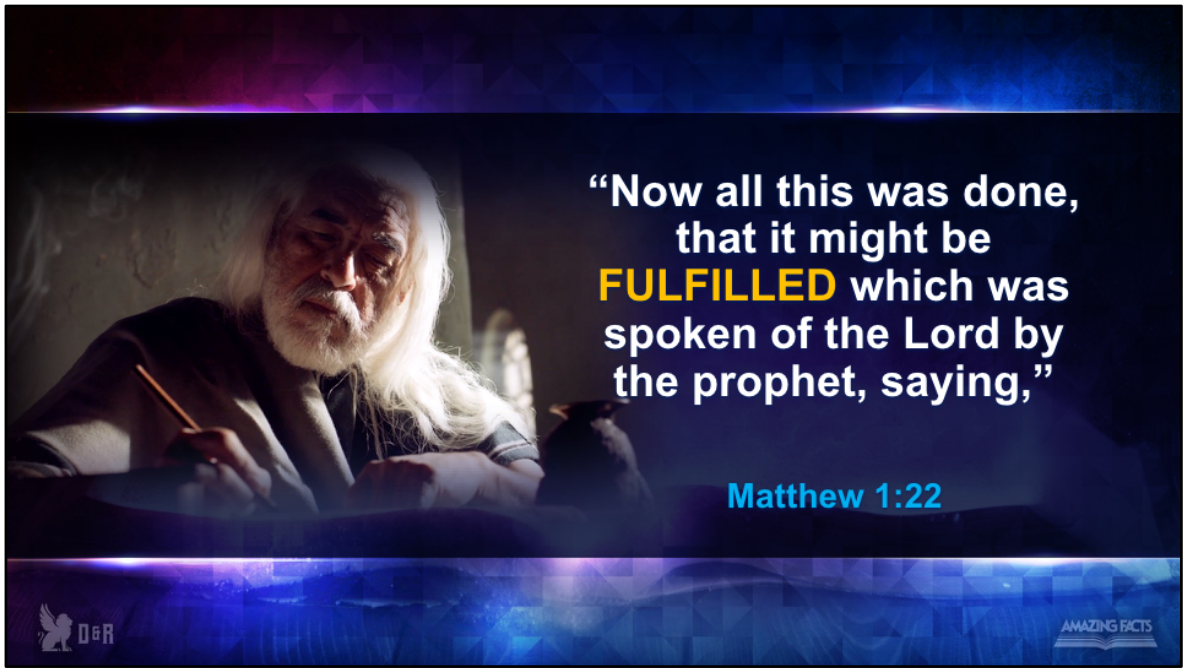

The decree of King Artaxerxes was given in 457 B.C. (Ezra 7:7)
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NOTE:
The angel told Daniel to begin counting the 2,300-day and 70-week prophecies from the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. God's people were in captivity in the Persian empire at this time. The decree was made in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes, who began to reign in 464 B.C. (Ezra 7:7). Artaxerxes' decree in 457 B.C. was the only one that specified restoring and rebuilding Jerusalem.


8. The angel said that if you were to count 69 weeks from 457 B.C., you would come to Messiah the Prince. Did this happen?
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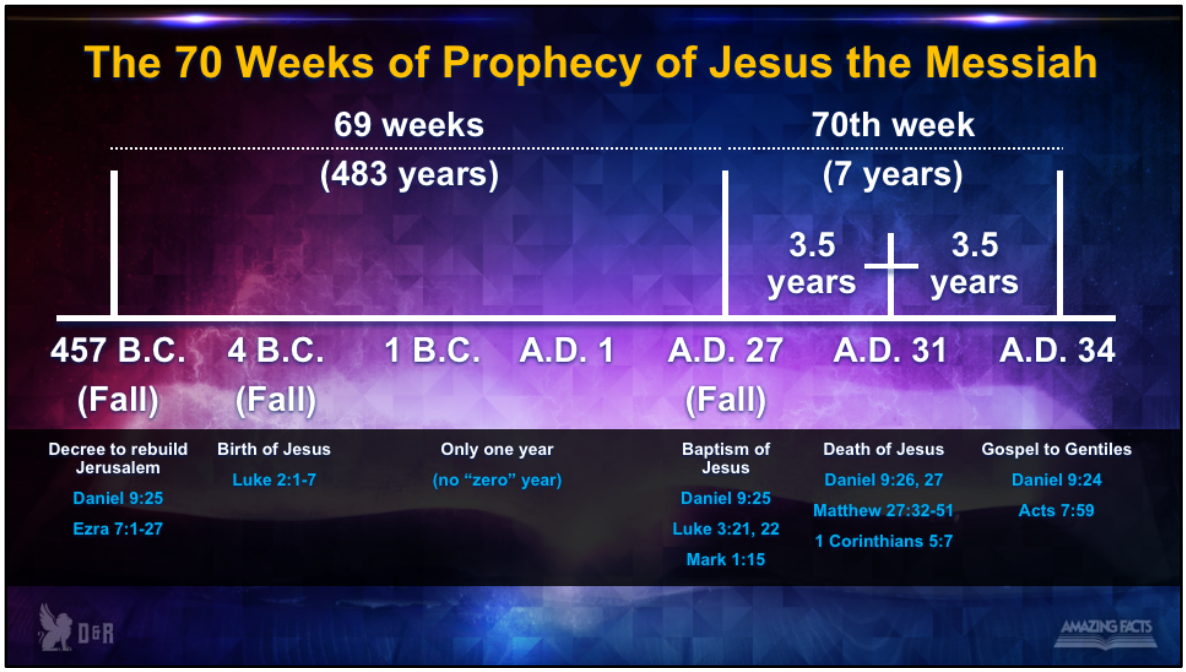

"That word you know … after the baptism which John preached: how God ANOINTED Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power."
Acts 10:37-38
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"Now all this was done, that it might be FULFILLED which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,"
Matthew 1:22
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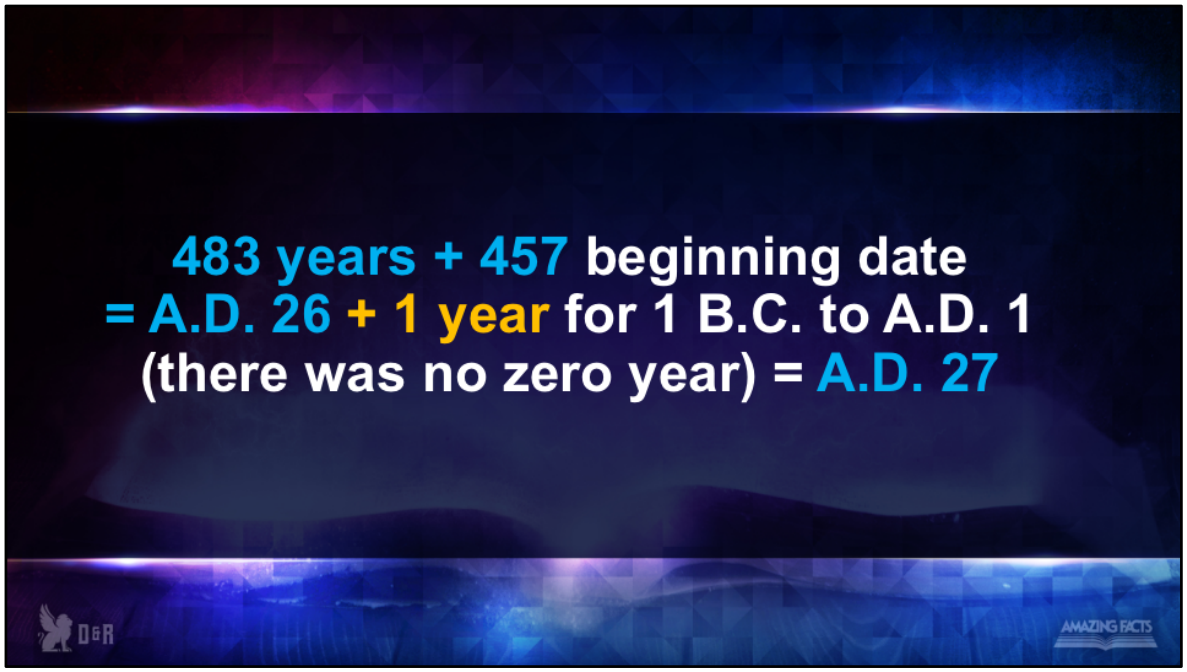

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."
Matthew 1:23
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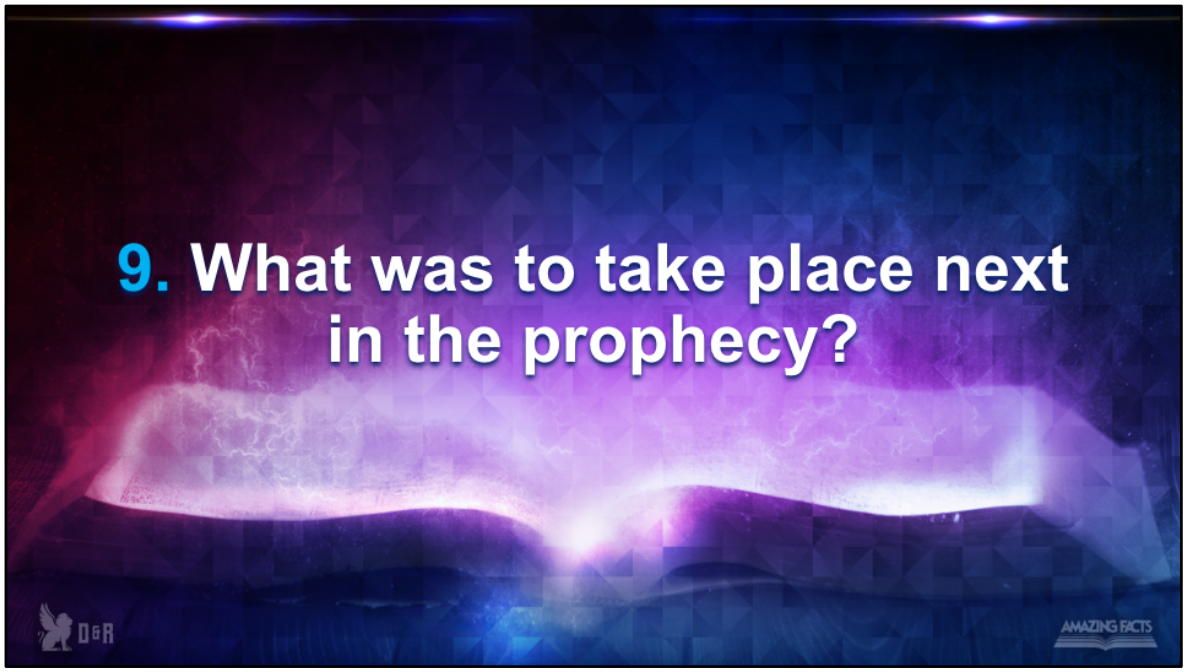
NOTE:
Here is a fantastic miracle. Hundreds of years before Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost, the event was foretold in prophecy! "Messiah" is the Hebrew word for "anointed," and the word "Christ" is the Greek equivalent. Luke 3:21, 22 says this special anointing by the Holy Ghost took place at His baptism. Now here's the key. In Bible prophecy, one prophetic day equals one literal year (Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6; Luke 13:32). Adding 69 weeks, or 483 prophetic days (69 x 7 = 483), to 457 B.C. brings us to the year A.D. 27.



Notice the details in this chart.



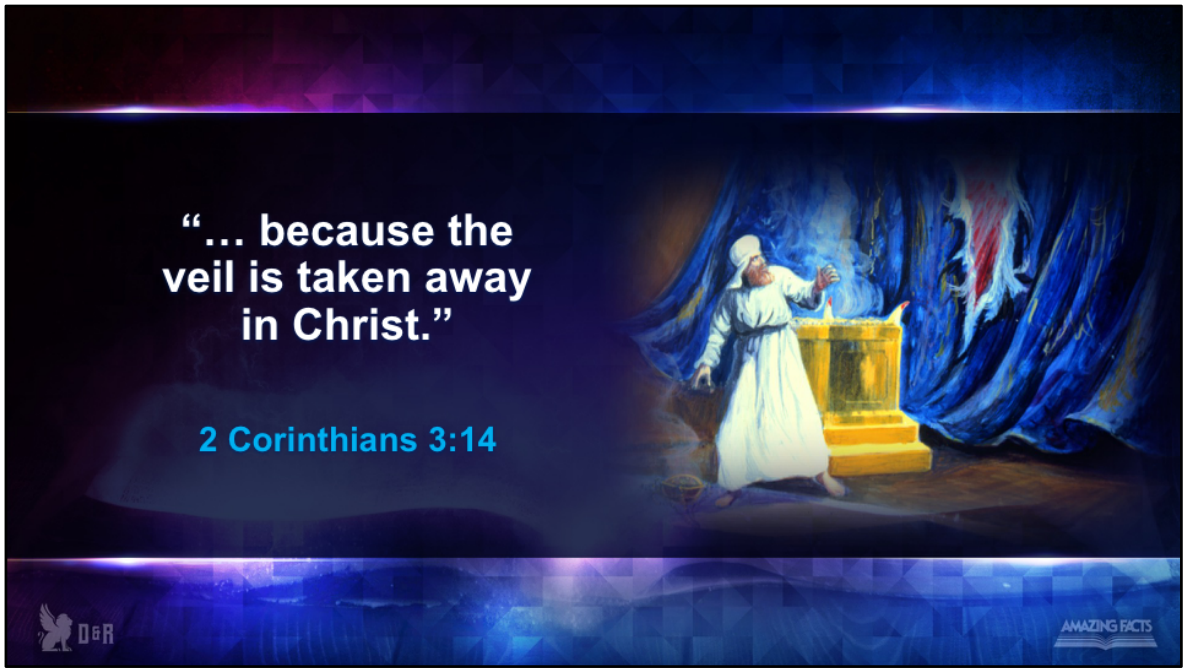
Jesus began His ministry as the Messiah after His baptism in A.D. 27, exactly 483 years after the decree given in 457 BC. This is why Jesus began preaching, after His baptism, that "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand." Mark 1:15. He was speaking of the time prophecy in Daniel 9:25.

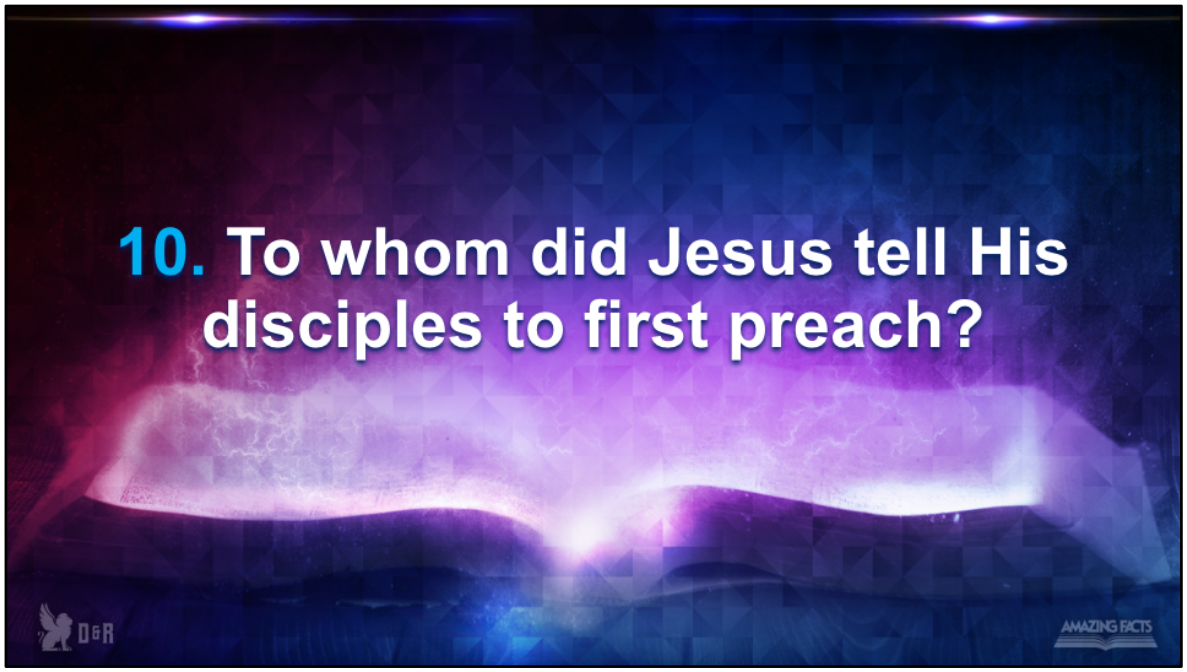

9. What was to take place next in the prophecy?
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NOTE:
The prophecy next predicted that Jesus would be "cut off," or crucified, in the middle of the last week of the 70-week prophecy. Counting three and one-half years from His anointing in the fall of A.D. 27 would take us to the spring of A.D. 31, which is precisely when Jesus was crucified. At the time He died, the temple veil was torn into two sections from top to bottom (Matthew 27:50, 51), indicating that Jesus had caused the sacrificial system to cease by His death as the Lamb of God. Please review the time line above.

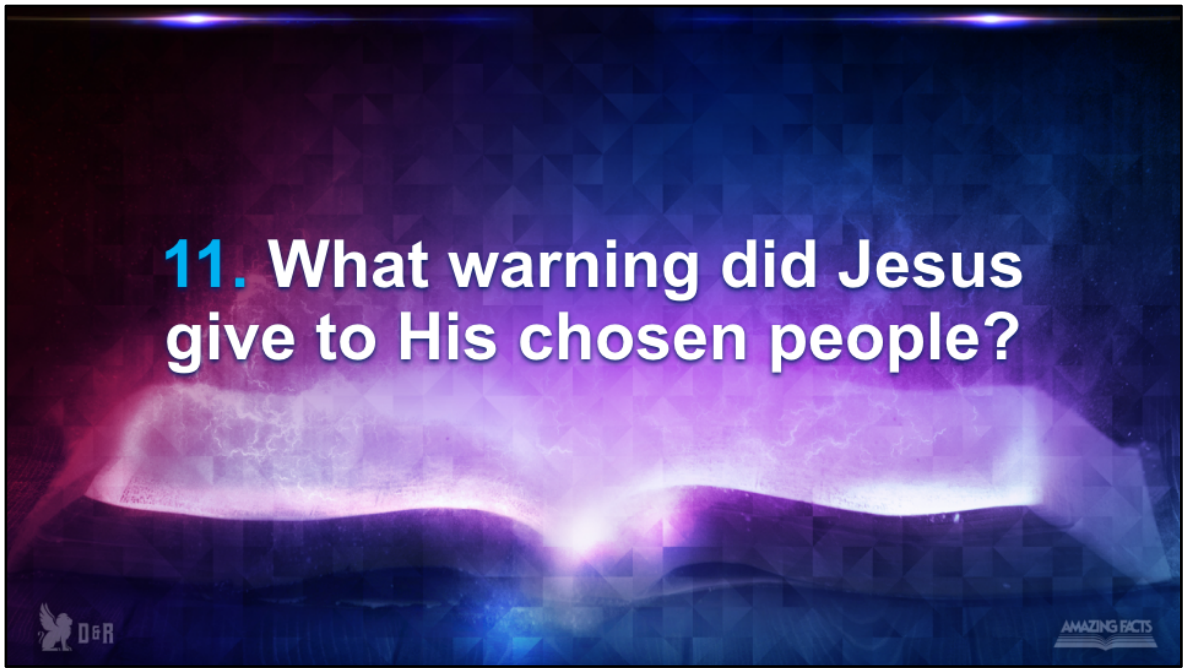

"And He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the MIDST of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease."
Daniel 9:27
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"… because the veil is taken away in Christ."
2 Corinthians 3:14
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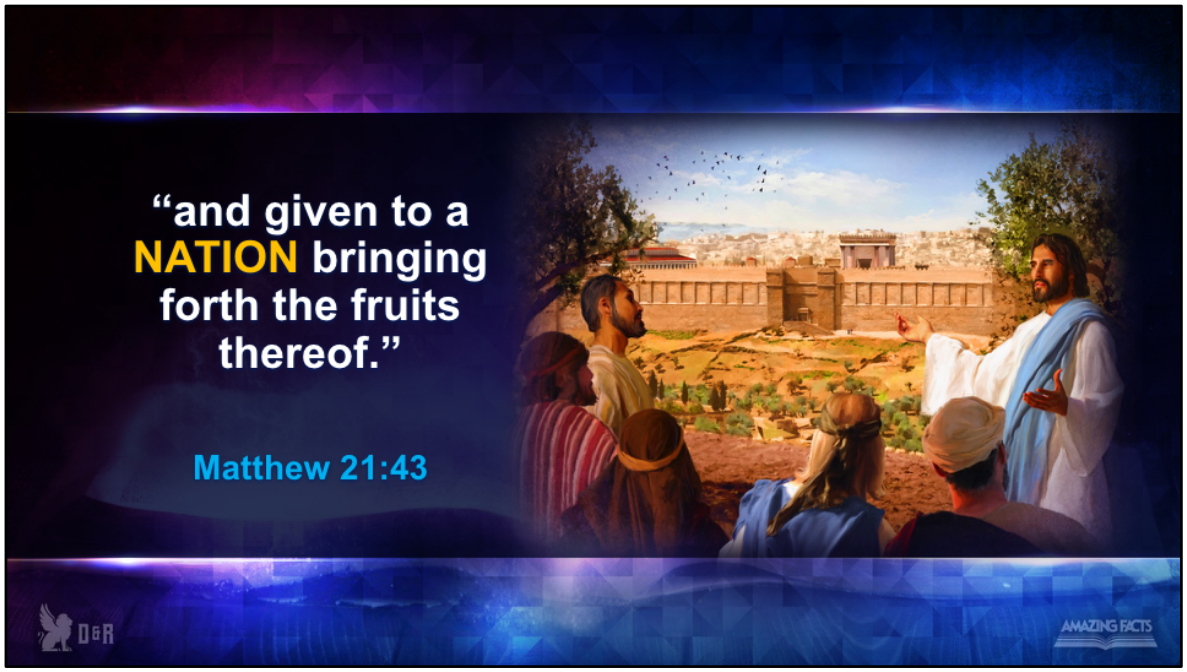

10. To whom did Jesus tell His disciples to first preach?
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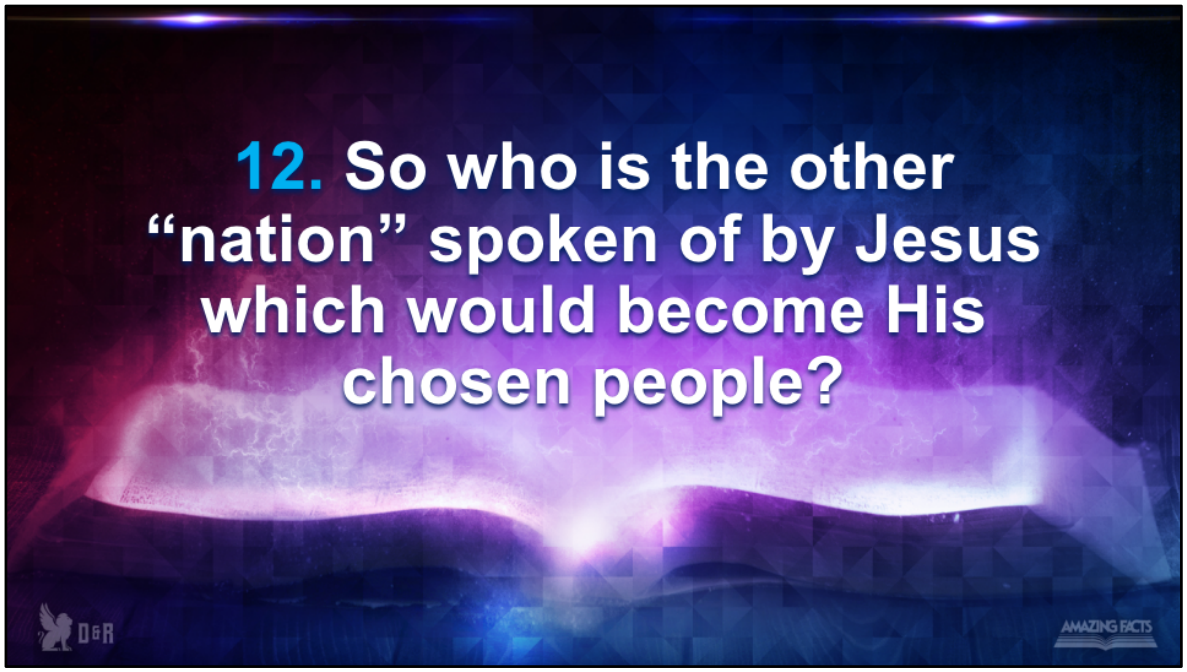
NOTE:
Jesus insisted that His disciples preach first to the Jews, because they still had three and a half years remaining of their 490-year opportunity to accept and proclaim the Messiah. The prophecy in Daniel 9:27 said that Jesus would confirm the covenant, or the great plan of salvation, with many for one prophetic week (seven literal years). But Jesus was crucified in the midst of that final week allotted to His chosen nation, so how could He confirm the covenant with them after His death? The answer is found in Hebrews 2:3: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." Jesus' disciples preached to the Jews for that final three and a half years, until the nation officially rejected the gospel message in A.D. 34 when Stephen, a righteous deacon, was publicly stoned.

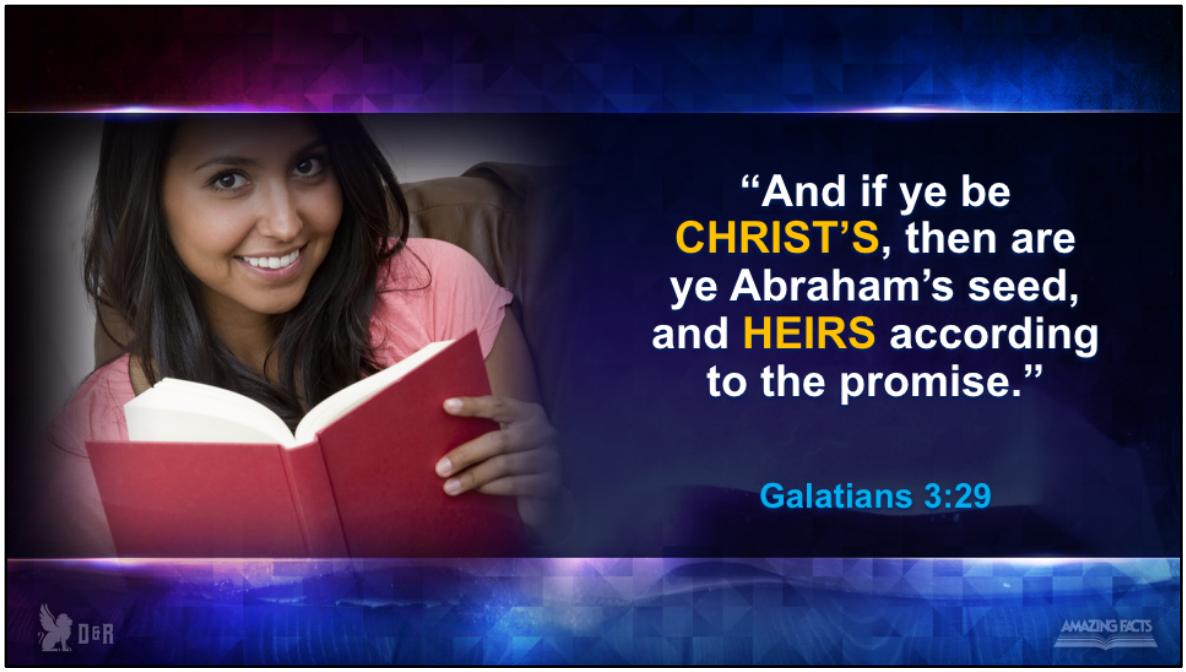

11. What warning did Jesus give to His chosen people?
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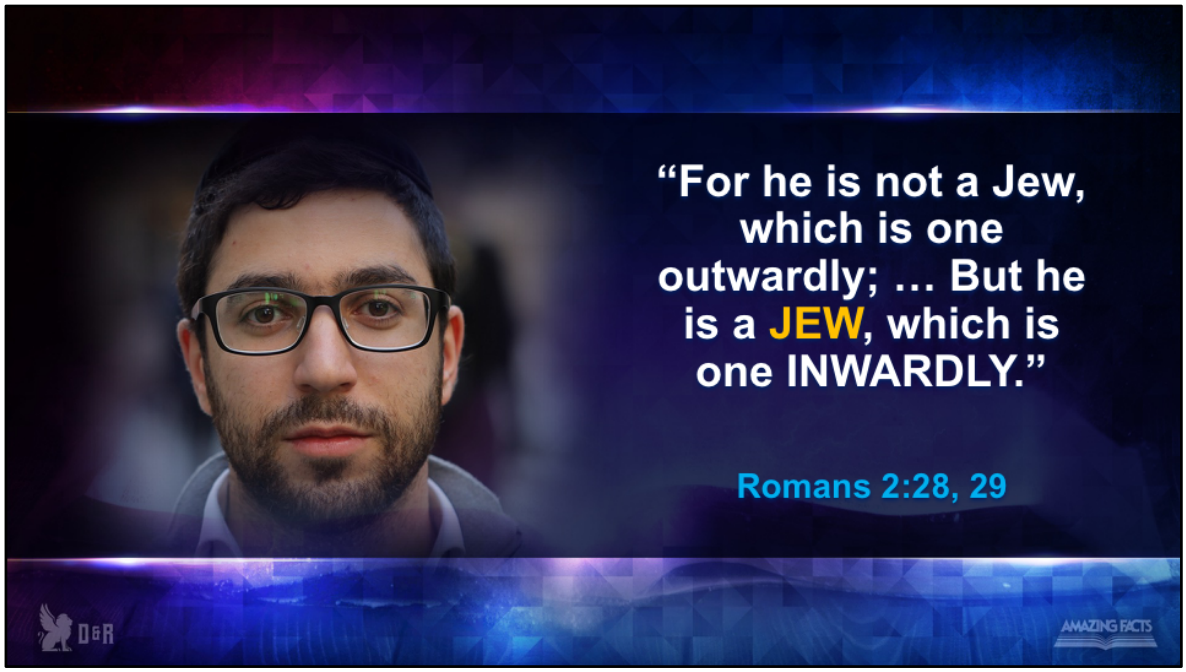

"The kingdom of God shall be TAKEN from you,"
Matthew 21:43
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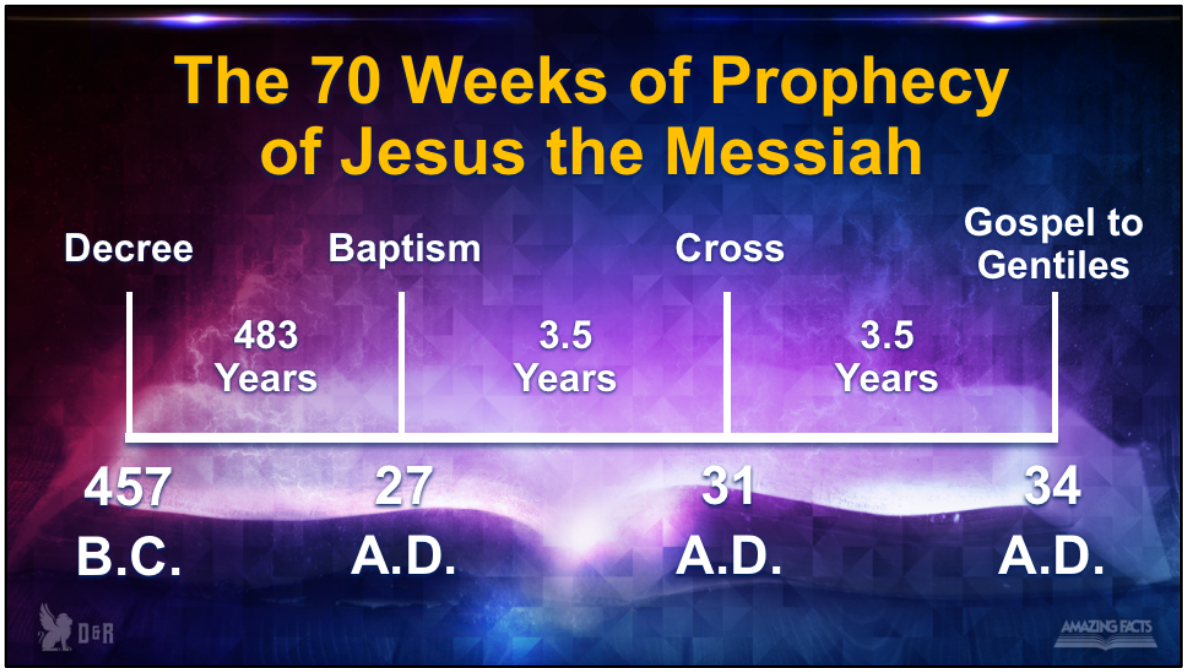


NOTE:
Jesus had made it very clear that the special status of the Jewish nation would be taken away if the people persisted in rejecting the Messiah.

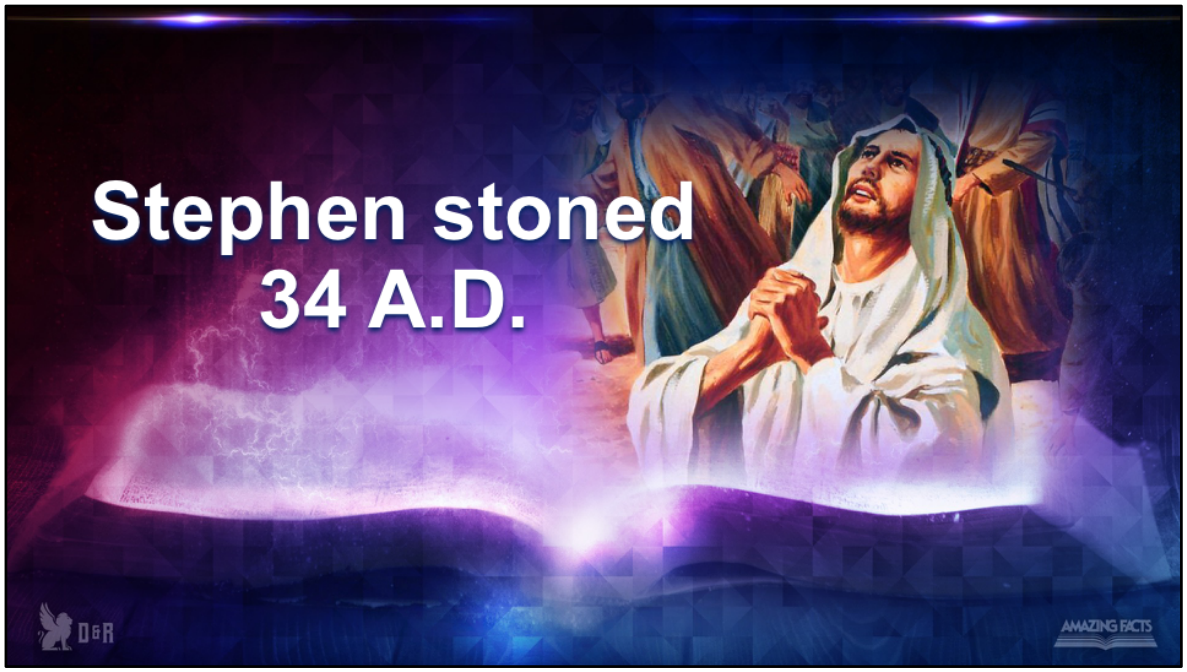

12. So who is the other "nation" spoken of by Jesus which would become His chosen people?
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"And if ye be CHRIST'S, then are ye Abraham's seed, and HEIRS according to the promise."
Galatians 3:29
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"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; … But he is a JEW, which is one INWARDLY."
Romans 2:28, 29
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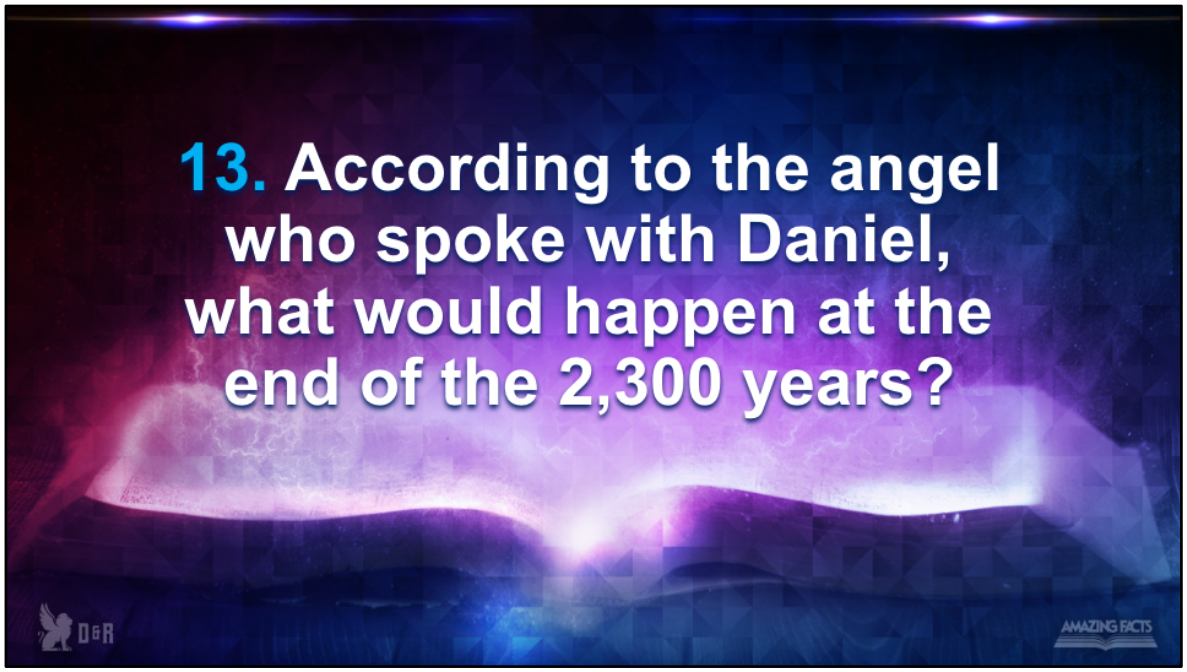

The 70 Weeks of Prophecy of Jesus the Messiah
Decree
Baptism
Cross
Gospel to Gentiles
483 Years
3.5 Years
3.5 Years
457 B.C.
27 A.D.
31 A.D.
34 A.D.
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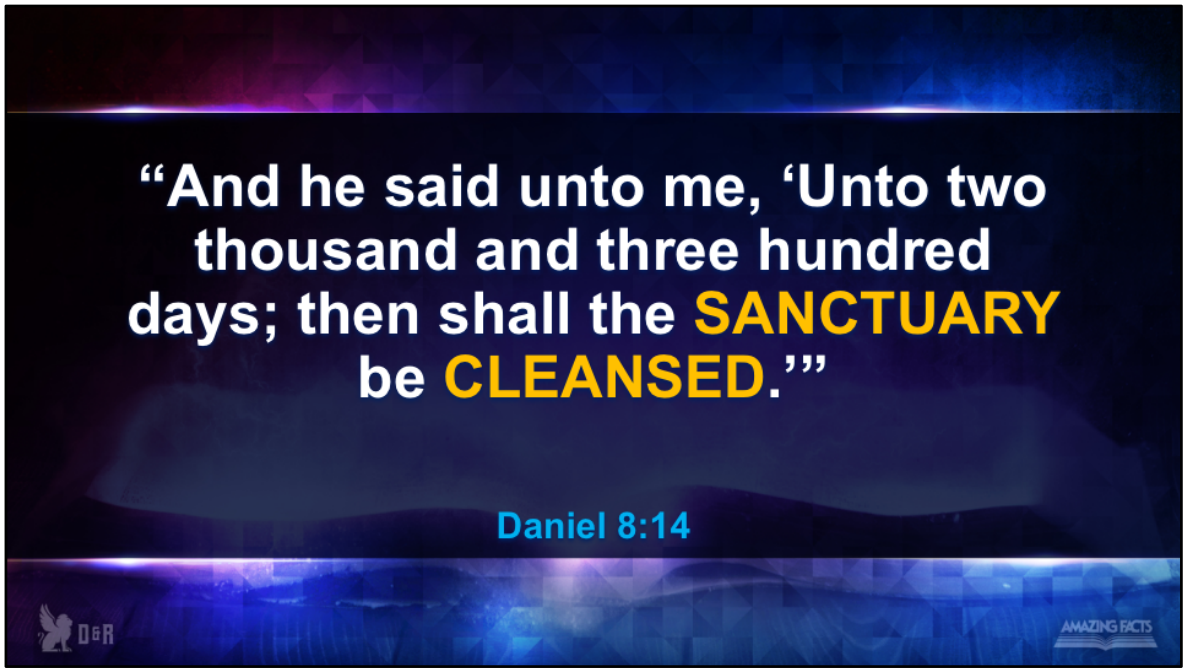
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Stephen stoned
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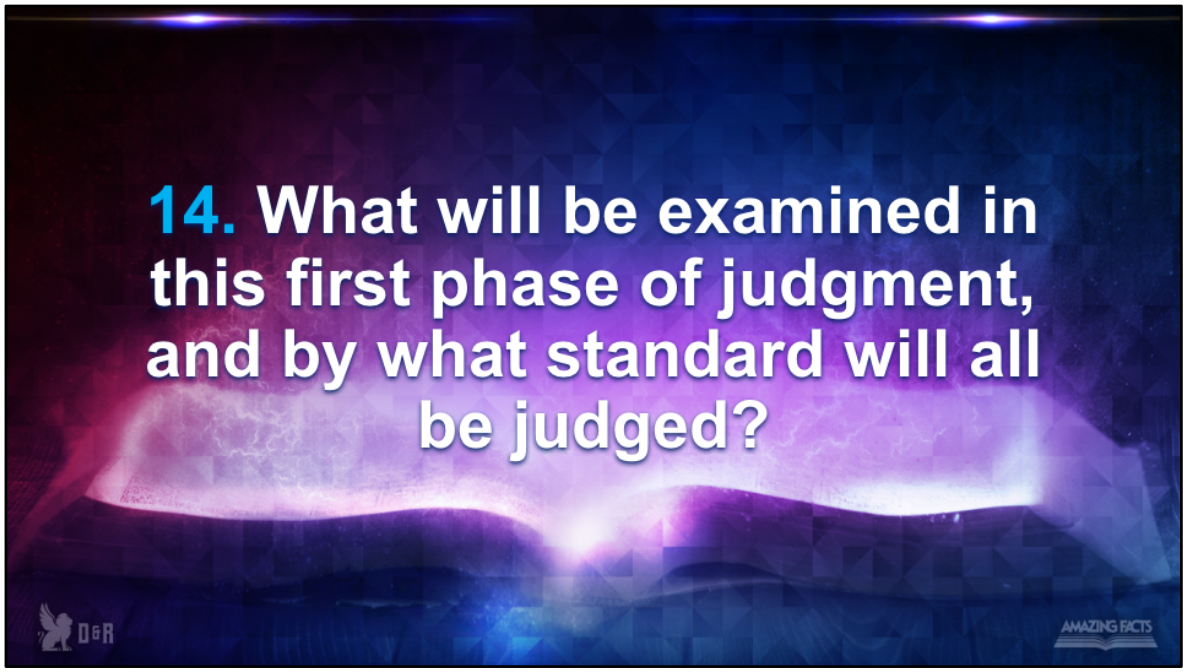
NOTE:
As of A.D. 34 with the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:58, 59), the literal Jewish nation was no longer God's only chosen nation. Because they consistently resisted God's plan for them, the nation of Israel is no longer the central focus of end-time prophecy. Now all who accept Jesus are His chosen people, and the promises God made to literal Israel now also apply to spiritual Israel (Romans 9:6-8).

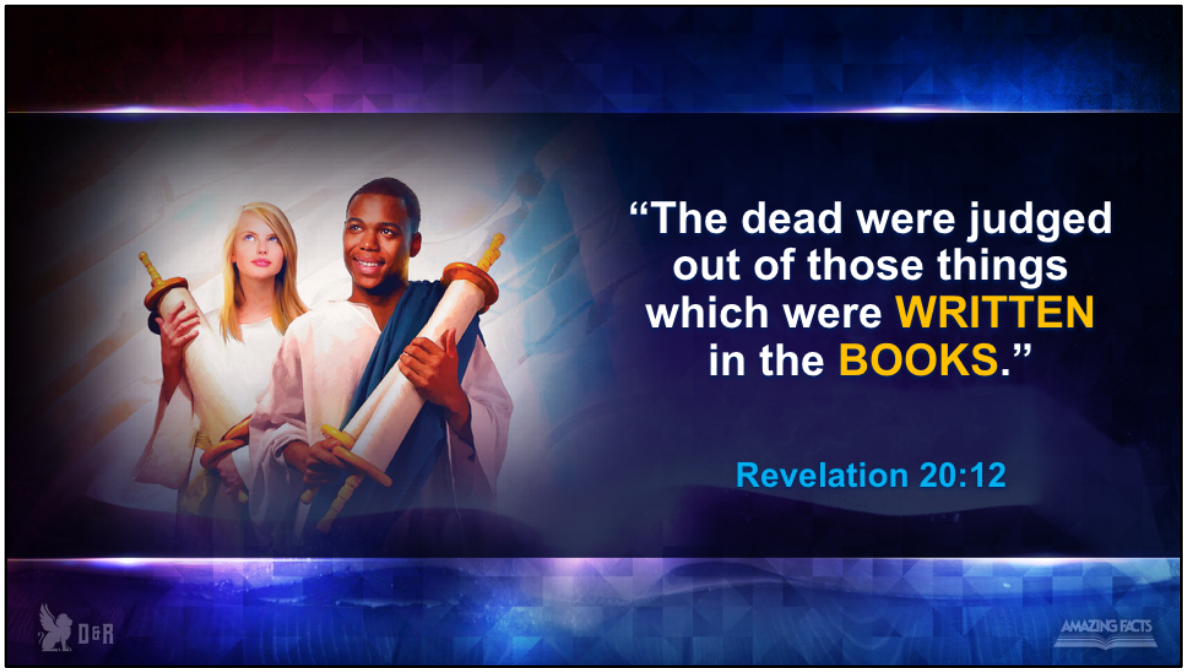

13. According to the angel who spoke with Daniel, what would happen at the end of the 2,300 years?
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"And he said unto me, 'Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the SANCTUARY be CLEANSED.'"
Daniel 8:14
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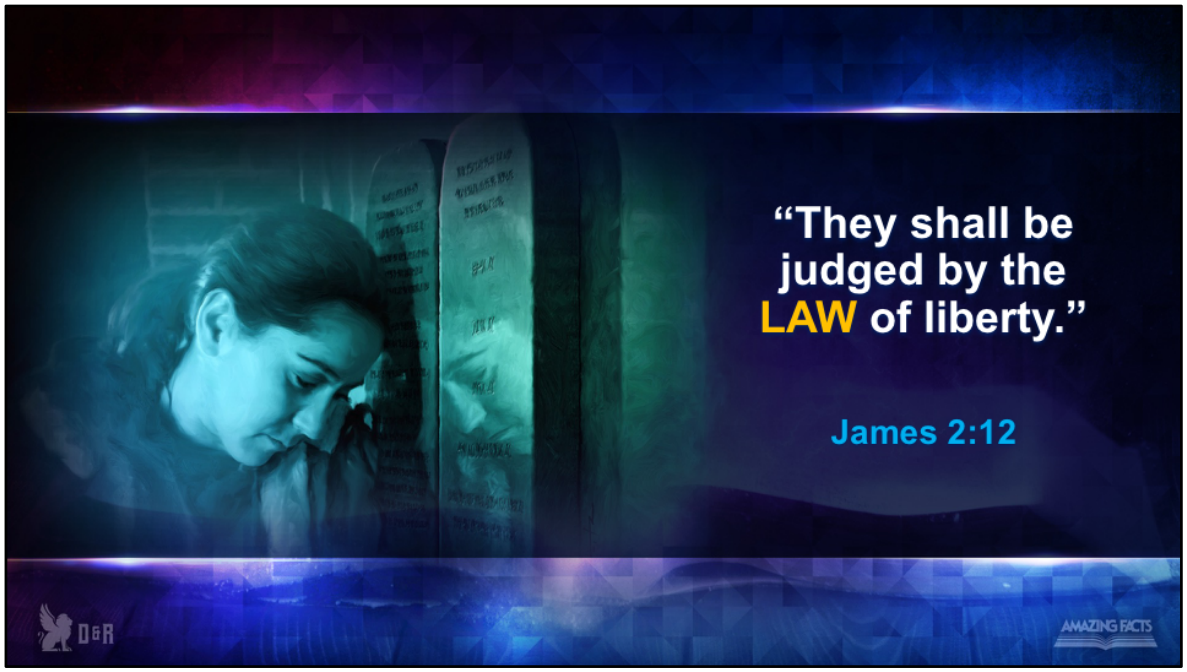


NOTE:
In A.D. 34, there remained 1,810 years of the 2,300-day prophecy. (Note dates in diagram above.) Adding 1,810 years to A.D. 34 brings us to the autumn of 1844. The angel said that at that time, the heavenly sanctuary would be cleansed. (The earthly sanctuary was destroyed in A.D. 70.) Jesus, our high priest in heaven (Hebrews 4:14-16; 8:1-5), began removing the records of sin from the heavenly sanctuary (Revelation 20:12; Acts 3:19-21) in 1844. This first phase of the judgment is called the pre-advent judgment because it takes place before Jesus' second coming.


14. What will be examined in this first phase of judgment, and by what standard will all be judged?
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"The dead were judged out of those things which were WRITTEN in the BOOKS."
Revelation 20:12
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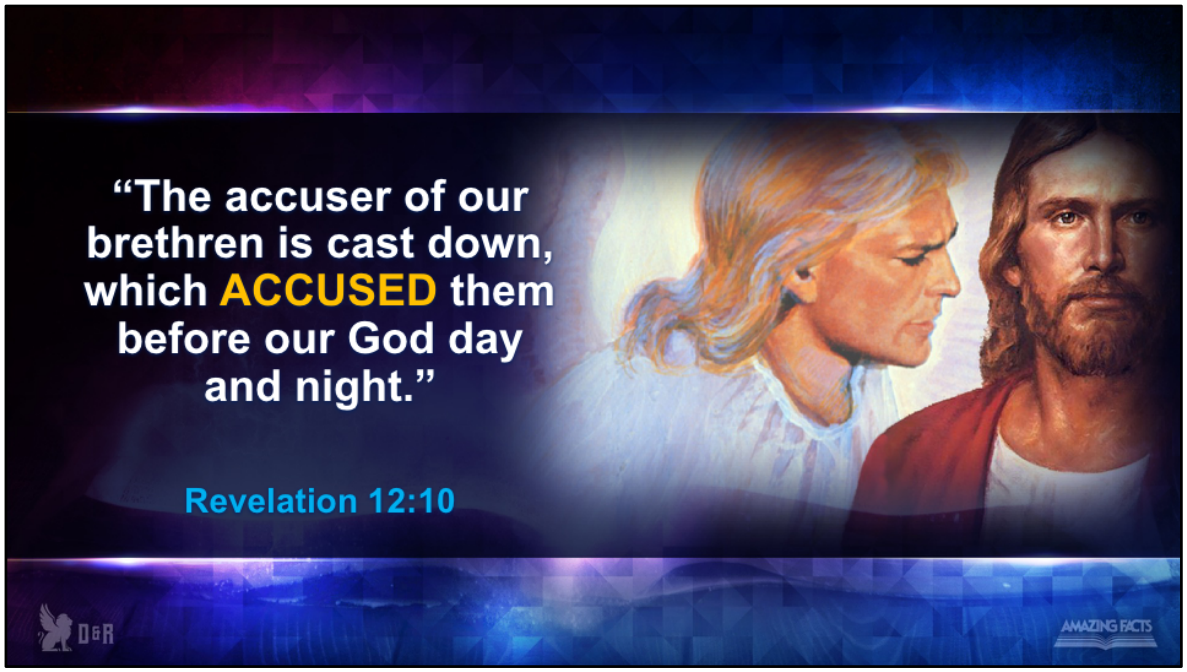

"For God shall bring every WORK into judgment, with every SECRET THING."
Ecclesiastes 12:14
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NOTE:
The evidence in the judgment comes from books kept in heaven, which contain all the details of a person's life. (See also Psalms 56:8.) The Ten Commandments, God's law, is His standard in the judgment (Revelation 22:14).

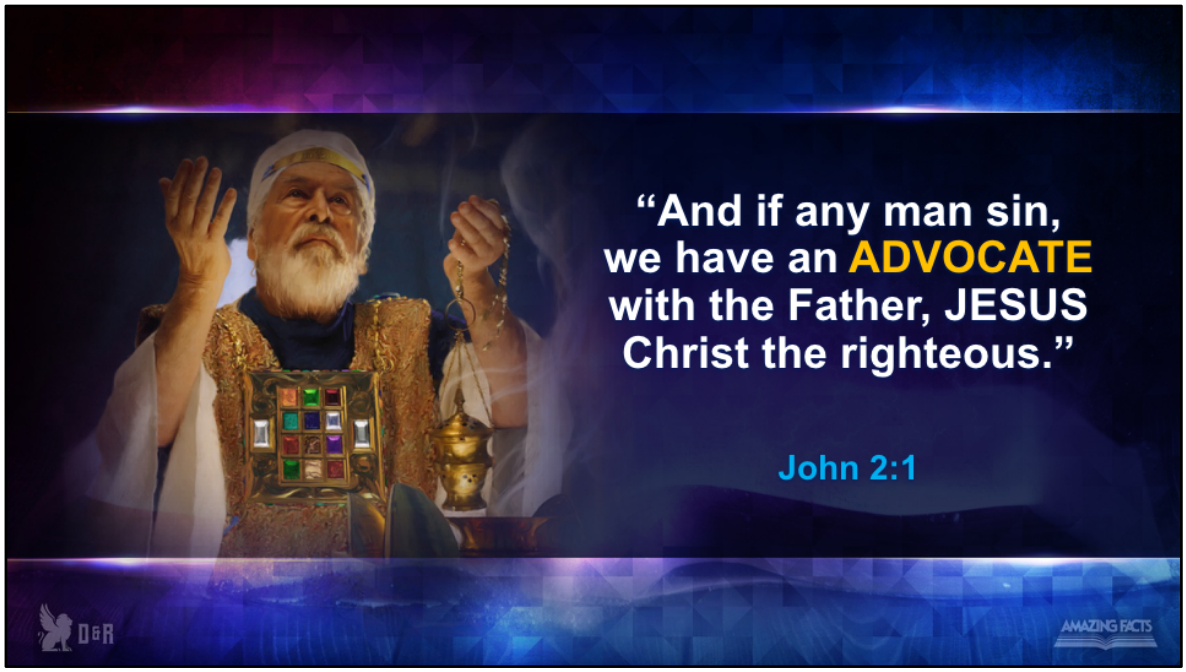

15. Is God my accuser in the judgment?
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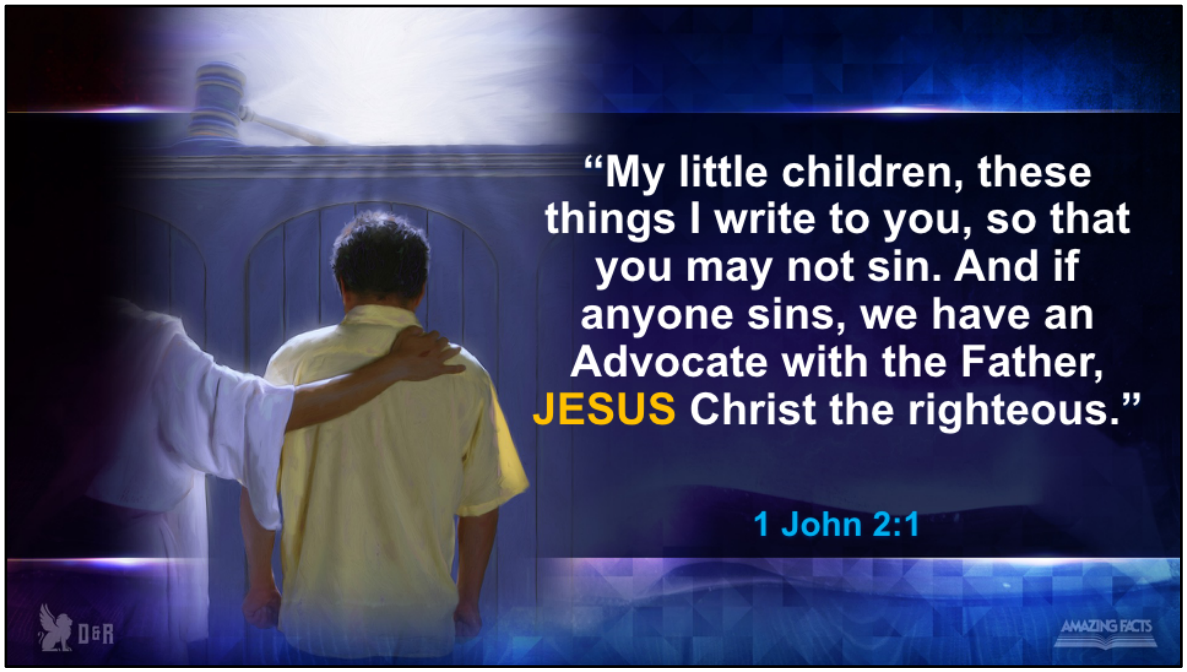

"That old serpent, called the DEVIL, … was cast out into the earth."
Revelation 12:9
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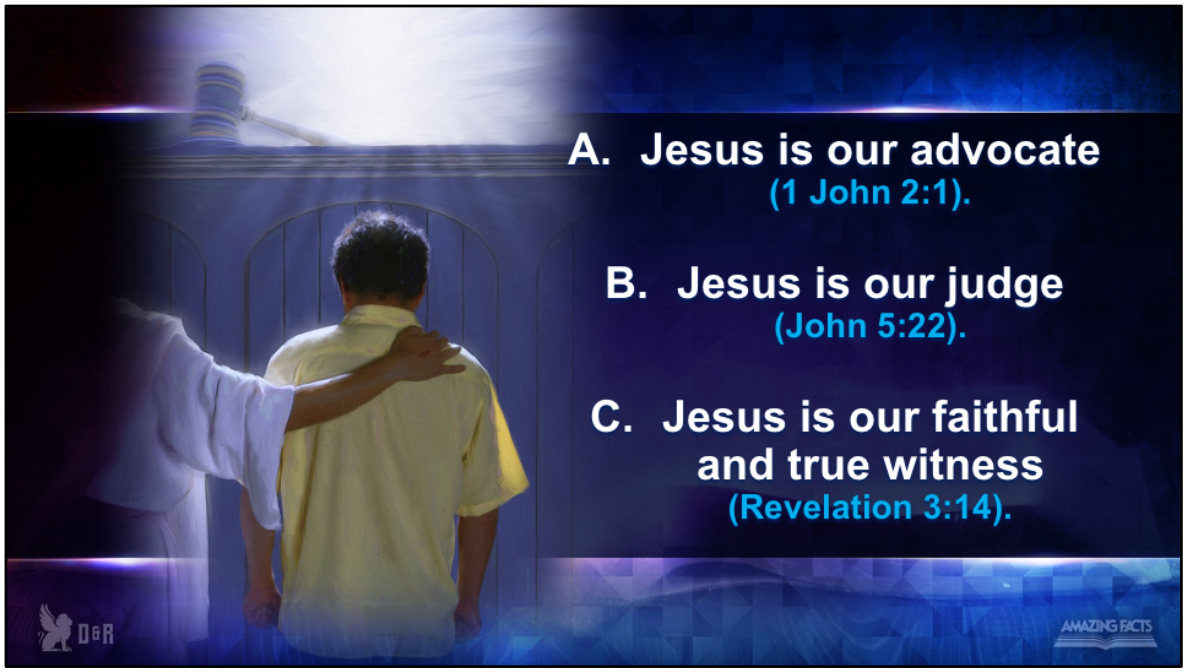


NOTE:
No! Satan is your only accuser. Unfortunately, some Christians think Jesus is trying to convince the Father to spare us during the judgment, but Jesus said, "The Father himself loveth you." John 16:27.

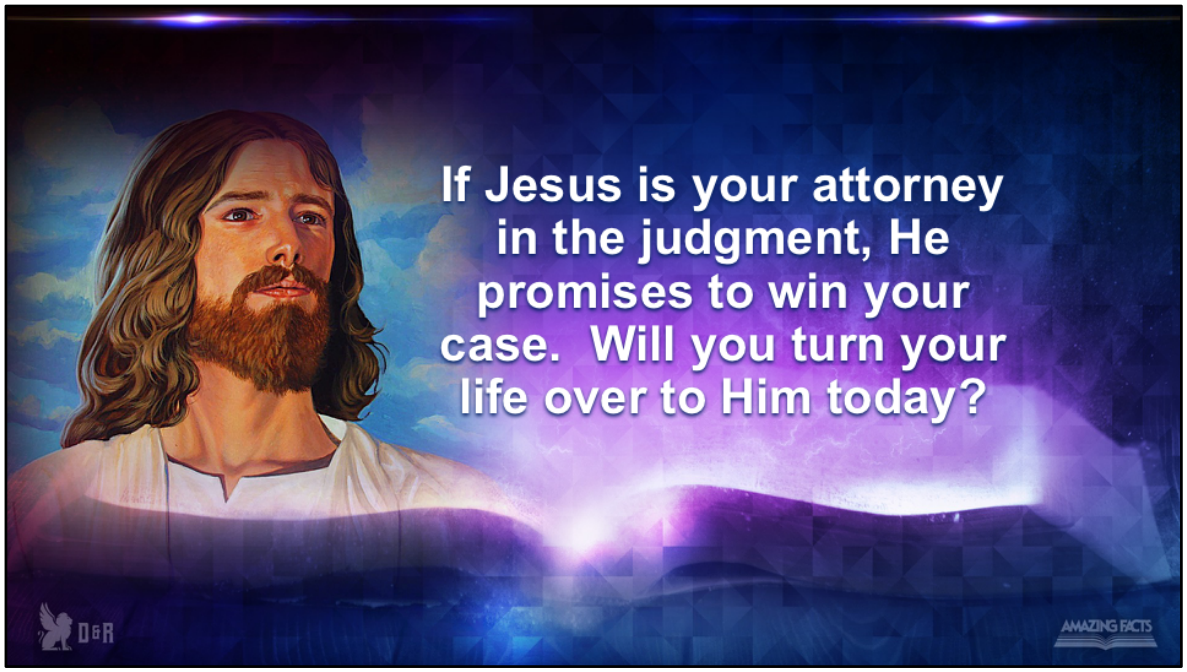

16. Will I have to face the pre-advent judgment alone?
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"And if any man sin, we have an ADVOCATE with the Father, JESUS Christ the righteous."
John 2:1
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"My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, JESUS Christ the righteous."
1 John 2:1
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NOTE:
Thankfully, no. In the judgment, Jesus is the Christian's attorney, judge, and witness. If you live for Jesus, you can't lose (Romans 8:1; Colossians 1:12-14)!


If Jesus is your attorney in the judgment, He promises to win your case. Will you turn your life over to Him today?
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